

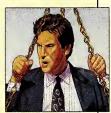


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Band Stands

As a longtime band member of the Post 5 Band of Nashville, Tenn., and its director for 18 years, I commend you for the article "Strike Up the Band" (August) about the Tonawandas, N.Y., Post 264 Band. I salute Tonawandas and other bands that carry The American Legion banner of pride.

J. Madison Dill Murfreesboro, Tenn.

As a member of the Joliet American Legion Band since 1950, I would like to express my thanks for the article "Strike Up the Band" (August). However, it did contain two errors which I think should be corrected. The Joliet American Legion Band has not been with Harwood Post 5 of Joliet, Ill., since September 1967; it was organized in Joliet American Legion Post 1284. Also, the Joliet American Legion Band has won a total of 33 national championships, not 23 as stated.

Clarence E. Sandberg Joliet, Ill.

What A Flap!

In regard to the Quote of the Month (September) from Lee Bach, who was found guilty of violating a noise ordinance because his flag flapped too loud: God help us!

> Otha Cooper Wadesville, Ind.

Get It Right

I have been dealing with the Small Business Administration (SBA) for about 25 years as a bank commercial-loan officer and as a finance loan officer for the SBA for five years. Legionnaires who wrote letters concerning the James Abdnor interview (January) apparently have the impres-

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R. B. Peteet, President Universal Bankers Inc. Grand Prairie, Texas

Change The Focus

Rep. Andrew Jacobs Jr. of Indiana wants to change our National Anthem to "America the Beautiful" (Dateline, September). I would rather have us learn to sing the second stanza of the "Star-Spangled Banner," which is less militaristic:

"On that shore dimly seen through the mists of the deep. Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes. What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep. As it fitfully blows, now conceals, now discloses? Now it catches the gleam of the morning first beam. In full glory reflected now shines on the stream. 'Tis the star-spangled banner; oh long may it wave. O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave."

Warren J. McCabe Los Angeles

Facts Of War

In Vernon Pizer's article "Heartbreak Ridge" (August), he wrote of the indidual heroism and the valor of the participating units. He noted that we suffered 1,832 casualties between Sept. 13 and Oct. 12, 1951. In Anthony B. Herbert's book, "Herbert—The Making of a Soldier," he included the 9th Regiment, the French Battalion and part of the 24th Regiment in the U.N. forces that took the ridge.

More importantly, Herbert, who was there, describes a patrol which he led to the top of the ridge the day before the 23rd Infantry Regiment's main assault began. The battalion commander made it clear that he thought it was a suicide mission when Herbert volunteered to lead the patrol.

Had the battle plan been executed as originally described to Herbert, the ridge would have been taken by one company, George Company of the 38th Regiment, and Herbert's patrol would have suffered few, if any, casualties. George Company was to be committed to exploit the patrol's success and had not even been alerted to standby for the mission. Of Herbert's original 24-man patrol, five survived.

As Herbert concluded: "Heartbreak Ridge—we could have had it for free. And it would have gone unnamed and unremembered, except for one commander who had not believed in his troops."

Ted Castle Salinas, Calif.

Three Words

When we received our notice from the President during World War II, Uncle Sam was on that letter, pointing to us with three words below him: "I Want You."

Now veterans need benefits. Our three-word slogan should be: "Veterans Need Help."

Dennie C. Bates Gate City, Va.

Correction

A photo of the Convention coverage in the November issue on page 48 incorrectly identified one of the participants in the ANAVICUS initiation. Standing at far left is George T. Campbell, Dominion President of the Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada.



WE ARE FAMILY: THE LEGION MAKES A DIFFERENCE

WAS a stranger in a strange land, 10,000 miles from home. It was just another day in the field near Danang, South Vietnam, and I wasn't aware of the date until a fellow Marine wished me a Merry Christmas. It was my first Christmas away from home and I missed my family and friends. I gladly would've swapped the steamy heat of Vietnam for a West Virginia snowball.

Legionnaires know how it feels to be serving our nation a long way from home. We understand how the emotional floodgates open and memories flow during the holidays. Fighting for freedom is easier to bear on the front lines when you know you're appreciated and remembered back home.

As we remember those who now serve, let's not forget the men and women who served before them. Many of us shared foxholes and lukewarm C-rations, and stood watch with them. Often, we just swapped stories about the homes we left behind. Some of these veterans spend today's holidays in VA hospital wards and nursing homes. Others are unemployed, searching for shelter and enough to eat. I know you will join with me in doing whatever you can to help them.

Legionnaires have always been willing to help needy veterans and their families. Last year, we donated more than \$2 million to veterans' rehabilitation programs and volunteered 1.27 million hours in VA hospitals. Legion Posts helped more than 70,000 veterans find jobs or job-training programs, and Legionnaires donated 115,668 blood units last year, many of the units going to their fellow veterans hospitalized in VA medical centers.

While the Legion has built a reputation of service to others, it's also poised to help its own whenever tragedy strikes. Many of you know of the terrible destruction wrought by Hurricane



Nat'l Cmdr. Miles S. Epling

Hugo in the Carolinas and Puerto Rico, and the San Francisco earthquake. The NEC has authorized (see page 46) for immediate relief to Posts and Legionnaires in the disaster areas.

The American Legion's devotion to others and its own is present yearround, but always seems to shine brightest at this time of year. For example, members of Post 5, Dayton, Ohio, visit their hospitalized fellow veterans at a nearby VA hospital and nursing home on Christmas morning and sponsor an annual Christmas Kids Party at the Post, Thomas P. Johnston Post 222, Broward County, Fla., also sponsors annual Christmas parties for disabled children in that area, passing out toys and treats. Ensley Post 35 has a tradition of generosity with its distribution of food and gift boxes to the needy. So has Post 132, Highland Park, Mich., which helped feed 64 families last Christmas

Most of us have much to be thankful for. It's never more clear than when we gather with our families at this time of year. We derive our strength from the support we receive from family members.

It was my own family who helped me

through a great personal crisis 20 years ago when I was serving in combat in Vietnam. While on patrol on March 15, 1969, a mine exploded, killing two of my brother Marines and wounding three of us. I remember coming out of a heavily sedated haze and seeing glaring lights above me on the hospital ship Repose. I immediately saw a flat blanket on the side of the bed where one of my legs should have been. I eventually lost the other leg, too.

I can remember asking myself what kind of future there was for a 19-year-old disabled veteran. I found some of those answers later during my rehabilitation at the U.S. Navy hospital in Philadelphia. There were others in my ward with injuries far worse than my own. When my family finally was allowed to visit me, they walked right past my bed because they didn't recognize me; Vietnam's tropical climate had made my skin color darker and I had lost a lot of weight. Then their eyes met mine for the first time in many months. It was a true homecoming.

The point I'm trying to make is that it's not what we lose or have taken away from us—it's how we use what we have left. My family's love, support and devotion provided me with strength and hope. And no war wound or anything else could ever take these gifts from me.

I've many reasons to be thankful as I'm sure all of us have. I think back to that time when I lay in a hospital bed brooding about my future. Never in my wildest dreams would I ever have thought that 20 years down the road, I'd lead the world's largest and greatest organization of wartime veterans. I'm living proof that the American Dream is not a dream at all.

From my family in Point Pleasant, W. Va., to yours, we wish for you the best and merriest holiday season ever. Your thoughtfulness and devotion to the less fortunate in our society are truly what make this season of giving and love the most joyous of the year.



WILL STRICTER GUN CONTROLS WORK?

N THE September issue, we asked you to respond to the question: Will stricter gun controls help curb violence in America? In an overwhelming response, the vast majority reflected the official stance of The American Legion by writing to say that there should not be stricter gun controls. Res. 310, passed at the 1989 National Convention in Baltimore, vigorously

opposes any local, state or federal legislation requiring gun registration or limiting or prohibiting the rights of law-abiding citizens from buying and owning small arms

considered necessary for defense of self, home and family.

Only 1 percent of you favored stricter gun controls. Of the 99 percent who were against more controls, many cited statistics to show that gun-control laws in cities such as Washington, D.C., and New York had no effect on the number of gun-related crimes. Also, many respondents said the courts should do a better job of punishing criminals instead of restricting or regulating gun use among law-abiding citizens.

The question was asked originally in a September interview with Charles Reynolds, president of the International Association of Chiefs of Police. Some readers believed that we publishing the interview, the magazine endorsed Reynolds' position in favor of stricter

gun controls.

The interview, like all editorial content in the magazine, does not necessarily reflect the Legion's endorsement. It does, however, indicate the magazine's desire to inform its readers about important issues so that these voters will be equipped to make intelligent decisions at the ballot box. The magazine supports all mandates of the National Convention and the National Executive Committee. This includes Res. 310.

Following are excerpts from your letters.

As a former police officer with more than 20 years experience on the streets of Los Angeles, I believe the great majority of police officers do not favor any further bans on guns because, simply put, gun control doesn't work. Working cops know what law-abiding gun owners have been saying all along: Control crime by enforcing existing laws and we won't have to come up with new laws as an excuse for an ineffective and over-burdened criminal-justice system.

Fred Romero Simi Valley, Calif.

The Chinese government's massacre of students in Beijing argues persuasively against gun control. The events in China prove that when only the government has the guns, all freedoms are in jeopardy. The Chinese government is afraid to let its citizens possess firearms. If the citizens had weapons, the

government could not have killed those students.

As Noah Webster said more than 200 years ago, "The supreme power in America cannot enforce unjust laws by the sword because the whole body of the people are armed."

Duane D. Kirby Massillon, Ohio

We should implement, at the state level, a waiting period of seven days for the purchase of all firearms, with the guarantee that if no negative factor is found, the sale will be made.

Ben H. Green Union Citv. Pa.

I have spent about 20 years in the law enforcement field, working as a penitentiary guard, beat officer, detective, and now as sheriff of a rural county. I have investigated murders involving an assortment of weapons, including rocks, bottles, boards, knives, arrows and, of course, guns. But I've also investigated a murder committed with a three-pound can of genuine U.S. government commodity turkey breast, furnished free to the killer by the government. Should we ban government welfare commodities?

Gerald D. Gander

Shelbyville, Mo.

Fighting crime with gun control is like fighting pornography with censorship. Both solutions create a greater threat to the survival of this Republic than the ills they propose to combat. The constitutions of many countries promise that freedom and power are vested in the people, but few would grant their subjects the ability to possess firearms. Thus, to enact gun control is to repeal the Declaration of Independence.

John E. Bremer Oberlin, Kan.

The problems are not guns or the police being outclassed by criminal firepower. The problem is the judiciary and the fact that 85 percent of violent crimes are perpetrated by the same criminals who continuously plea bargain and are released. A mandatory prison term of five years for a gun offense that cannot be plea bargained would quickly solve this problem.

Adrian H. Krieg Woodbridge, Conn.

It has been shown time and time again that rifles comprise a minute portion of weapons used in crimes, regardless of the firing mechanism of the rifle. There are currently more than 20,000 gun-control laws on the books, with no discernable effect on crime. All sales or transfers of automatic weapons must be conducted through federally licensed dealers. To date, not one instance of criminal use of a registered automatic weapon has been verified.

Richard D. Jennings Hanover, Md.

Why should anyone want to ban auto-loading, sporting firearms? They have been on the market for more years than I have lived, 61 years. I will not jeopardize the hard-earned rights of my fellow taxpayers, veterans, members of

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OPINIONS

GUN CONTROL

the armed forces, competitive shooters and true hunters by giving my firearms to a bunch of malcontents.

> Tom Hoffman Letcher, S.D.

What we are really talking about here is eventual gun confiscation. First gun controls, then gun registration, then gun confiscation. We are flirting with the last major bulwark of freedom in the world today.

I am appalled that people learn so little from history. All tyrannical governments hold their power by disarming the populace. I recall the answer of a Panamanian to a question asked by a news correspondent: "Why don't you throw Gen. Noriega out?" His reply: "How can we? They have all the guns."

Lyle K. Peterson Mount Vernon, Wash.

If all guns were banned, there will still be violence. We see and hear of people being clubbed and beaten to death by fists. However, I support controlling certain kinds of guns, but remember, control and not ban.

> Fred Wolff Lincoln, Neb.

The Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was created for a specific reason, and the words of the founding fathers show why the amendment was written.

"Americans have the right and advantage of being armed, unlike the citizens of other countries whose governments are afraid to trust the people with arms," said James Madison.

"Firearms stand next in importance to the Constitution itself," said George Washington. "They are the American people's liberty teeth and keystone under independence... the very atmosphere of firearms everywhere restrains interference. They deserve a place of honor with all that's good."

Richard C. Swanson Round Lake Heights, Ill.

Our attention in curbing violence should be directed at the perpetrators of violence. This also includes broadcasts of violence on television and the glorification of hate and aggression in much of the music young people hear. Obviously, we also need to punish people who hurt people, something our judicial system doesn't want to do.

> Michael D. Yacino East Douglas, Mass.

As a Philadelphia police officer, I see no valid reason for restricting the lawful ownership of firearms. Our legal system has failed miserably to punish and discourage criminals.

Robert A. McCarthy Philadelphia, Pa.

Does anyone believe that criminals care that weapons are banned? I believe the facts prove they do not. According to studies by the U.S. Justice Department, there is no evidence that any gun law has reduced crime. Summaries of these studies "Weapons, Crime & Violence in America," 1981, and "The Armed Criminal in America," 1984, are available from the National Criminal Justice Reference Service, P.O. Box 6000, Rockville, MD 20850.

Gregory M. Mansfield Michigan City, Ind.

Washington, D.C., has some of the harshest gun laws in America, but it also has the highest death rate by shooting in the nation, too.

Los Ángeles is notorious for drive-by shootings. How are we going to stop those? Car control? A waiting period on car purchases?

In New York, gun control laws didn't save John Lennon. They didn't stop "Son of Sam."

Let's stop harrassing sport shooters and get involved in crime control, not gun control.

> James Grosso Austin, Texas

It seems fashionable for those who claim to want a solution to the crime problem to blame inanimate objects. That's hogwash. As a police officer for 15 years and a gun owner, I believe we should punish people who commit crimes with weapons, not citizens who choose to legitimately own firearms.

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Concerned with the safety of airline passengers, more than 200 congressmen support a bill that would forbid U.S. airlines to have their planes overhauled at foreign airports.

The bill, introduced by Rep. Norman Y. Mineta of California, would cancel permission granted by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for major repairs abroad. The FAA opposes the measure, claiming that inspectors maintain the same vigilance over repair procedures regardless of location.

Sponsors of the bill, however, expressed concern that there may not be a sufficient number of inspectors overseas to adhere to the high maintenance standards, especially with the increasing number of older planes in operation. The congressmen also fear the loss of aviation repair jobs in the United States.

Checks And Balances

The amount of time allowed to cash government checks was reduced to one year when the Competitive Equality Banking Act went into effect Oct. 1, 1989. Before the law went into effect, there was no time limit to cash government checks.

Now, any checks issued after Oct. 1, 1989, must be cashed within one year from the issue date or they are voided.

The new law, however, does not affect entitlement to payment. If the period to cash the check has lapsed, the check recipient can request another check be issued. The law applies to VA benefit checks. But Direct Deposit or Electronic Funds Transfer are not affected.

Trading College For Cops

A fresh idea for providing college education and fighting crime is gaining support in Congress. Legislation introduced in both chambers would finance the college education of 25,000 young Americans annually. Upon graduation, the students, in turn, would serve four years with state or local police forces.

Rep. Robert K. Dornan of California, a sponsor of the bill, said the nation's police forces are having difficulty attracting qualified recruits.

In 1948, there were 3.22 police officers patrolling the streets for every violent crime reported. By 1987, there was only one policeman available for every five violent crimes, said one of the bill's co-sponsors, Sen. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania.

Junking Junk Calls

Junk phone calls and telefax messages may soon be violations of invasion-of-privacy laws, if a bill by Rep. Edward Markey of Massachusetts passes Congress.

The bill directs the Federal Communications Commission to establish a list of phone and fax subscribers who do not

want to receive junk calls and messages. The bill seeks penalties for junk callers who violate requests for privacy.

An estimated 7 million Americans are called daily by machines. Restrictions on automatic-dial, recorded messages already have been approved in more than 20 states. The computer-fed machines have come under strong criticism by consumers who resent receiving the unsolicited sales messages. Others complain that the calls tie up telephone and telefax lines.

TIGER's Help

TIGER, a computerized U.S. map data base, will speed up the work of gathering statistics during the 1990 U.S. Census, which begins April 1.

The Census Bureau's Topically Integrated Geographic Encoding and Referencing System (TIGER) has adapted computer-readable information from the U.S. Geological Survey to produce the first, large-scale map set. The maps divide the nation into census blocks for census takers and provide an automated description of every road, river, railroad and boundary feature across the nation.

TIGER will provide maps for the more than 300,000 census takers who will visit 250 million people in more than 106 million dwellings. Costs of the census, which is conducted every 10 years, will be \$2.6 billion, or \$10.40 per U.S. resident.

Power Pinch

The nation's energy plan for the future already appears to be running out of steam as the United States is becoming increasingly dependent on imported energy sources, according to a study by the General Accounting Office (GAO), the investigative arm of Congress.

Confronted by negative public reaction to expansion of nuclear or coal energy sources, utilities are forced to purchase oil abroad and electric power from Canada, the GAO reported.

In the 1960s, nuclear power was hailed as the economical energy source of the future, but the Three-Mile Island accident in March 1979 turned public opinion against nuclear energy. Since then, more than 100 plans to construct nuclear plants have been cancelled, leaving the United States with only 110 plants, which provided only 20 percent of our energy needs in 1988.

The GAO asked Congress to review the nation's energy policy and to initiate steps to assure safe development of nuclear power.

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SHOULD THE CAPITAL-GAINS TAX BE REDUCED?

(At press time, the House had approved legislation to reduce the capital gains tax and the measure was being debated in the Senate.)

Rep. Bill Archer, R-Texas

In 1985, Congress embarked on the effort to reform our nation's tax system, using the battle cries of "simplification" and "fairness." Unfortunately, the Tax Reform Act of 1986 achieved just the opposite, miring tax-payers in complexities that even the IRS has had trouble figuring out.



Congress reduced the long-term capital-gains tax rate to 15 percent in 1978 in recognition of the fact that high rates of taxation on capital income do not create incentives for savings and investments.

Passage of the 1986 act did not eliminate the need to encourage savings and investment in the United States. Quite the contrary, future economic growth requires sustained high rates of investment. From this perspective, the increase in the top tax rate on capital gains to 33 percent goes in exactly the wrong direction.

The effects of this action already are taking their toll on productivity. Investors are understandably reluctant to divest themselves of capital assets because of the increased tax liability they will now face, which means money is no longer easily flowing to the most-productive areas of the economy.

What makes the capital-gains tax even more painful to accept is that the advantages gained by reducing or eliminating the tax far outweigh any justification for its increase. The capital freed from this excessive tax burden would fuel the economy, increasing productivity and creating jobs. The reduction of capital-gains taxes would also increase federal revenue by spurring investment.

Our nation would be far better off without any capitalgains tax. It would be a good first step if we could at least reduce the capital-gains tax to 19 percent for two years, with indexing of capital gains for inflation after that period. The tax on capital income is a dead weight holding back our economy, and the higher the tax, the greater the drag.

In this atmosphere where every discussion of the economy hinges on competitiveness, it is only logical that we

implement tax laws that encourage, rather than diminish, savings and investment. Reducing the capital-gains tax is good government and good business.

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Rep. Byron L. Dorgan, D-North Dakota

Less than three years after the passage of the 1986 Tax Reform Act, which reduced the top tax rates to 28 percent, a new capital-gains tax cut has passed the House Ways & Means Committee, creating deep tax cuts for America's wealthiest citizens.

The "Jenkins proposal," a two-year capital-gains tax cut, provides 80 percent of its benefits to persons with incomes of more than \$100,000 per year. The average tax cut from the proposal could be \$25,000 per year for those with incomes more than \$200,000 a year.

Proponents of the capital-gains tax cut argue that cutting rates for the Donald Trumps of the nation will result in more savings, more investment and a stronger economy. That, they argue, will benefit all Americans.

This used to be called the "trickle-down theory" — give the rich a big tax break and it will trickle down and help the rest of the people. The late Sen. Hubert Humphrey described it as "giving the horses some hay so that the sparrows can have something to pick at later."

America is up to its neck in debt. The rich are getting richer; the poor are getting poorer. We have 3 million homeless, 6.5 million drug addicts and 30 million Americans without health insurance. Instead of determining how we pay for what we need, we're told we can turn rich Americans into investment machines and strengthen our economy by giving them big tax breaks. That is the ultimate economic illusion.

We should respond to the long-term economic interest of America. A capital-gains tax cut will show a short-term revenue gain but substantial loss in the long term.

If the President and Congress insist on the capital gains exclusion, why not offer it to those who need it? Those who make millions a year can afford the modest top tax rates.

Why not a means test for the capital-gains tax? This would include a full exclusion for those making less than \$100,000 at year phased out between \$100,000 and \$200,000 and no capital-gains tax cut for those making more than \$200,000. This

would provide benefits to people with incomes below \$100,000. The distribution of the tax burden would also be more progressive, and the sparrows wouldn't be waiting on the horses.

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Agent Orange Claims Should Be Paid Now



DEADLY SPRAY — About 12 million gallons of Agent Orange were dumped over Southeast Asia to defoliate enemy positions.

By Dr. Ellen K. Silbergeld

T HAS been almost five vears since the settlement of the Agent Orange product-liability case, in which thousands of Vietnam veterans joined together to sue the manufacturers of this herbicide. The defendants settled, and a fund of over \$220 million was established by the court. Eligible Vietnam veterans and their families are receiving settlements for disability and death related to Agent Orange. The trust fund has not been entirely targeted for cash payments; money also has been released by the court to fund important

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counseling activities by The American Legion and others.

However, with respect to the federal government's responsibility, veterans have a right to ask, why the delay? Where is my compensation? When is the government going to act?

The case for disability compensation can best be understood by evaluating the strengths of the two main arguments used against paying compensation now. The U.S. government and others claim that it is impossible to determine in individual cases whether any disease, disability or cause of death is directly related to Agent Orange exposure during Vietnam service because exposure of individual veterans cannot be defined, and the connection between Agent Orange and human disease is not known. Until this uncertainty is resolved, it is argued, no individual's claim for compensation can be rationally evaluated, and no money should be paid. But a closer look at this argument sustains the suspicion that it sets the stakes so high that no one will ever get compensated.

While these arguments contain elements of truth, there are two reasons to reject them. First, contrary to the assertions of the VA and Centers for Disease Control, it is possible to determine exposure, the first critical element in deciding on compensation. As demonstrated by the landmark American Legion-Columbia University Study of Vietnam Veterans, conducted by Drs. Jeanne and Steven Stellman, available Defense Department information can provide reliable, objective data on the nature and extent of a veteran's likely exposure to Agent Orange.

In addition—but not in exclusion—new, sensitive methods of measuring dioxin in humans can further refine exposure for certain veterans, although not all. These two methods are the basic ways of defining exposure in epidemiology, what is called "job history" (in this case military service), and biological monitoring (measuring the toxic substance or its metabolite in human tissues, blood or urine). So the excuse that it is impossible to determine who was exposed cannot be sustained.

The second part of the argument against compensation is that no adverse health effects of Agent Orange have been proven. It has been pointed out that the court case did not establish that Agent Orange was actually the cause of adverse health effects in veterans. It is true that a drawback to a settlement is that the contending positions of the parties are not resolved in a court of law, and to that extent the position of the veterans that a specific set of potential health effects has been associated with dioxin to a reasonable degree of scientific and medical certainty, has never been tested. However, the veterans' position has been tested in a variety of other circumstances, including litigation.

Sometimes it seems that the Department of Veterans Affairs refuses to consider data from any circumstance other than those absolutely comparable to the Vietnam situation—as if veterans are not humans, like other humans, and the dioxin in Agent Orange is not dioxin, like other dioxin.

Scientifically, the issue of dioxin health effects has been extensively considered by several agencies of the U.S. government, state health departments, and other countries. All these entities have drawn upon expertise in toxicology, molecular biology, biostatistics and epidemiology. The consensus has been published in official documents published by the U.S. EPA, FDA and

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Lawyer Warns . . .

A Will May Be Hazardous To Your Family's Financial Health

by Murry L. Broach

have a few possessions we'd like for our loved ones to get after we depart from this life. How can you be assured your wishes will be carried out?

New research shows a Will isn't always the answer! You can spend money for a Will, only to have lawyers, courts, executors and tax collectors grab a huge portion of your assets through the probate process ... Possessions you've worked hard all

your life to acquire.

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"The advantages of Living Trusts over Wills are considerable. You may reduce taxes and simplify the transfer of assets to your heirs and loved ones."

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> In a headline article 'Business Week' magazine recently told us that "Privacy may be the most valuable feature of the trust. A Living Trust can keep the details of your finances under wraps by taking your estate out of the public record and into a private contract."

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'Business Week' goes on to say that "Even the most carefully executed Will can leave your heirs and potential heirs fighting over your estate." Any "long-lost," unknown relative can step up to contest your

Lawyers charge an average of \$60 for writing a Will - and then get as much as eleven percent of the entire estate after the client dies and the Will is probated. That percentage could cost your loved ones several Thousand Dollars even if your estate is small!

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HORROR STORIES

The \$436 hammer continues to haunt DoD. But what about the 87,000 other hammers DoD bought for far less than they cost at the local hardware store?

By Oliver Starr Jr.

RITICS of the Pentagon have succeeded only too well in confusing Americans on national defense, especially its bite on the taxpayer.

A 1986 national poll conducted for the Packard Commission on defense management found that the average American believes that 46 percent of the U.S. budget goes for defense and that almost half the defense budget is lost through waste and fraud.

Defense actually accounts for 27 percent of the federal budget—only half the 58 percent it consumed in 1961, and it represents about 6 percent of the gross national product, compared with 8.3 percent in 1961.

Waste and fraud totaled about \$9 billion from fiscal year 1981 through fiscal year 1986, according to 74,000 audits of defense procurements. That is only about six-tenths of 1 percent of the total Department of Defense (DoD) budget authority during 1981-86.

Singling out a \$436 hammer or a \$7,600 coffeemaker as examples of defense waste makes interesting headlines but can be misleading. Through a mistake, the DoD did pay \$436 for one claw hammer in 1983 that sold in hardware stores for \$17. But the DoD paid an average of only \$6 to \$8 per hammer for the other 87,000 hammers it bought in 1983—\$900,000 less than

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Lost in many of these horror stories is the fact that these overpriced items almost always are uncovered by DoD auditors, who then report them to the media. Most of the time, refunds are obtained or the items are never purchased.

Charges that DoD has dragged its feet in combating waste and fraud appear unfair. Former Secretary of Defense Caspar W. Weinberger took 35 separate initiatives to improve the agency's procurement practices after the system drew heavy criticism from the Packard Commission. The military services and the Defense Logistics Agency have launched more than 500 actions to improve procurement.

There are some cases where seem-

ingly exorbitant costs are justified, such as when rare metals are required, when a part has only a few applications, when an item is needed in a hurry, and when the government uses a formula that doesn't price each item separately but spreads the total price evenly across the board.

But these are the exceptions. Derek J. Vander Schaaf, the Defense Department's Deputy inspector general. reports that more than 250 audits have identified eight major problems in methods used in purchasing spare parts. These included poor cost and pricing analyses, failure to buy from the least-expensive source, paying unwarranted prices to meet critical needs, purchasing uneconomical quantities, failure to properly price individual items in large orders, paying prices exceeding those in catalogs, weaknesses in the parts-control program, and overspecification. Actions have been taken to correct all eight of these bad practices.

"We have made it clear to industry that we consider a bad buy on our part a bad sale on theirs," said Maurice N. Shriber, former deputy assistant secretary for spares management.

The new spare parts management reforms have paid big dividends. From fiscal year 1984 to fiscal year 1986 they saved \$3.8 billion, Weinberger reported. In addition, the Defense Contract Audit Agency has reduced procurement spending by more than \$9 billion since 1982.

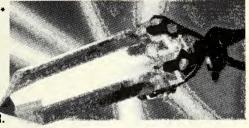
Cost-cutting success stories are now reported from all the services. A Navy "Price Fighter" program saved \$211 million in fiscal year 1984 from review of purchases, value engineering, contractor refunds and various parts-repair initiatives. The Air Force examined more than 90,000 items previously classified as "sole source" and redesignated at least 20 percent of them for competitive bidding. Examples of savings in this campaign include \$3.2 million from competitive bidding in purchasing A-10 landing gear struts and \$3.7 million from consolidating purchases of camera systems for reconnaissance aircraft.

Critics must continue to vigorously attack waste and fraud in defense spendating. But distortions should not lead us down the defense-slashing path of the 1970s and once more undermine America's determination to remain militarily strong.

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HEAD GAMES

As we grow older, do our brain cells deteriorate rapidly? No, say scientists who believe that an active mind can remain healthy for as long as you live.



MENTAL MUSCLE – Simple activities such as playing chess or working crossword puzzles can help keep the brain in shape.

By Dudley M. Lynch

HOLESTEROL counters in skin-tight bicycle shorts work out to anyone-who-is-anyone, aerobic videos in search of the elusive washboard-flat stomach. But their saturated-fat fears and lengthy physical exertions ignore one of the most important parts of the body: the brain. Indeed, for you to live a robust,

long life, the brain needs workouts, too.

Despite all the stereotypes of minds growing old, the brain, whether it is 25, 65 or 75 years old, always has need for exercise. Psychologists and other experts on aging say many of the notions about what happens to the brain as it ages are just plain wrong. For example, the belief that brain cells rapidly die during old age is not true, said Dr. Marian Diamond, a neuroanatomist at the University of California at Berkeley. The greatest loss of brain cells happens early in life, and the normal, slower

losses later in life create no serious problems.

Some believe senility, the loss of responsiveness and alertness, is a natural part of growing old. Forget it, said Dr. Robert Butler, founding director of the National Institute on Aging. "Senility indicates disease—not normal aging."

Also, thinking skills don't diminish with age, said Dr. Jerry Avorn of the Division on Aging at Harvard Medical School. He said a stimulated brain will stay healthy into a person's 80s, and judgments and problem-solving abilities

may actually improve.

Many experts now believe mental and intellectual growth can continue throughout our lives. Since 1956, Dr. K. Warner Schaie, professor of human development and psychology at Pennsylvania State University, has conducted a study which examined hundreds of persons as they grew old. During the years, he has concluded that only those with lazy minds or drab, unstimulating lives can expect a decline in their brain skills.

HE use-it-or-lose-it principle applies not only to the maintenance of muscular flexibility, but to a high level of intellectual performance as well," said Schaie. "There is no question that old dogs can learn new tricks."

Schaie found that mental abilities with their families. But in those who lived alone, these abilities decreased. Most vulnerable are widows without live-in companions, no careers and no outside-the-home interests.

However, the good news about the brain's ability to stay healthy, with a little help, is better than anyone a few years ago would have dared guess. At age 80, the people tracked in Schaie's Seattle study, on average, showed amazing mental abilities. They performed at better than 70 percent of the abilities they possessed at 25 years old in two tests, and at better than 85 percent in three other tests. And for other people in the verbal meanings skill test, ability

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It's also the reason some people don't understand why The American Legion is this country's leading voice on issues like veteran's benefits and national security. They think we should quiet down and leave these

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Schaie and his colleagues have examined many "evergreen" qualities they believe help keep the brain young, and the ability that excites them the most is the elderly's controlled temperament.

Along with an even temperament, the ultimate recommendation for good health and intellectual well-being is a regimen of brain exercise. In his research, Schaie found that such simple activities as working crossword puzzles and square dancing can keep the brain thriving and engaged. One way to remain active, Schaie recommends, is to be a joiner.

Don't wait until retirement to begin stimulating your brain with friends and challenges. "Flexible personality style in mid-life tends to predict high levels of performance in old age," Schaie said. Why is this quality so important? Because if flexibility is lacking, older people tend to quit taking risks and exploring new solutions, Schaie said. In addition to joining groups, you could run for an office, even if it is just a neighborhood position. Teach your trade, craft or hobby to someone younger. Volunteer to help the handicapped, the underprivileged or abused.

Long-term goals are also beneficial to a healthy brain. Have you ever wanted to learn to play a guitar, ride a motorcycle, ski, climb mountains, write computer programs, speak Spanish, be an author, master a camera, or repair your own car or TV set? The brain skills to master all of these ambitions will almost certainly be available, barring disease or injury, at least through

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your mid-70s. In some instances, capabilities for some activities will increase as you age. At the University of Houston, researchers Roy and Janet Lachman concluded that their older test subjects were better at "world knowledge," which is knowing and explaining what makes the world tick, than either middle-aged or young-adult subjects.

As a "brain trainer," I encourage persons in their 30s to undertake at least two major projects for each decade of their lives. That will keep them learning, risking and exploring. New research tells us that attitudes age us faster than years.

Learn to be tolerant of the world around you. Many experts firmly believe that you can keep the brain young by keeping your cool and enjoying life. This is one quality they say can't be learned later in life. If you don't practice putting the foundations in place by mid-life, you probably aren't going to be able to roll with the punches later on.

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- Plan and complete a major physical challenge, such as climbing a mountain or hiking alone for a long distance.
- Learn to read a foreign language

- well enough to enjoy one of its leading books in the original language.
- Join a community group that is oriented toward emergency response, such as the Red Cross, volunteer fire department or suicide prevention.
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Moscow has wooed the West with glasnost, perestroika and other reform policies, including public appeals for arms control. But the Soviet Union cannot move toward democracy without abandoning Lenin's socialism, a system Mikhail Gorbachev does not reject.

OSING as a journalist for the Japan-based newspaper New Times, Stanislav Levchenko, a KGB officer for eight years, was a very effective recruiter of agents of influence. Through bribes and coercion, Levchenko successfully planted pro-Soviet doctrine in the Japanese media and influenced Japanese leaders. Because he was privy to information most Soviets do not receive, eventually he realized his actions continued to enslave the Soviet people to a corrupt system. He began to hate his work.

"At the age of 37," Levchenko wrote in On the Wrong Side: My Life in the KGB (Pergamon-Brassey's, 1988), "I finally comprehended that I was on the wrong side."

On Oct. 24, 1979, Levchenko walked into the Sanno Hotel in Tokyo and asked American authorities there for political asylum. After his asylum was granted, he left his wife and son behind in the Soviet Union. When the Soviets discovered his defection, his wife and son became the targets of harsh KGB scare tactics. Because of their treatment, he has embarked on a "personal declaration of war" against the Soviet Union and KGB, and now lectures and writes about KGB and Soviet covert operations. But memories of his wife and son linger. "And when I remember too much, I cry," he wrote.

In this exclusive interview, Levchenko analyzes the threat the Soviet Union poses to the United States, and discusses the effectiveness of Soviet General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev's reforms and the true strategy behind perestroika and glasnost.

American Legion Magazine: Do you believe Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev is sincerely trying to promote world peace and internal prosperity, or is he out to disarm and undermine America and its Western allies by friendly deception?

Stanislav Levchenko: Unfortunately, many people are confused, not only in the United States and Europe but also inside the Soviet Union. Conditions are very tough in the Soviet Union, and what Gorbachev is trying to do is sincere in many ways. He is trying to save a system that's dead. That's why he can be called, if you want, an idealist—because the only way to change the Soviet system dramatically toward democracy and the free-market system is to reject Leninism totally.

Speaking about his peace offensive, he needs urgently to reinvest billions of rubles in different parts of the economy, and at this point, he can really not afford anything like a war in Vietnam or 40,000 Cubans in Angola. I will not be surprised if they cut their aid to Nicaragua. What will happen in five or more years? It is hard to say because Gorbachev does not reject Leninism, and Leninist socialism is expansionistic.

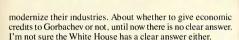
Q. Must it expand to survive?

Yes. If Gorbachev manages to save his corrupt system, which would be most unbelievable, then in five or 10 years, another wave of expansion is still possible.

1. Is Gorbachev's main objective to attract foreign aid, capital and investment?

That is a very complex issue. On one hand, yes, he needs investment because the economy has gone to pieces. Most Soviet factories have equipment that is 50 to 60 years old, and Soviets simply don't have the means to





But Western Europe, especially West Germany, is inclined to extend credit to the Soviets. Yet, it is a tricky situation because it is quite possible that cutting military expenditures will help a lot. At this point, Gorbachev is genuinely cutting military expenditures, which does not make the Soviet military happy at all. There is a strong probability that he may have made a compromise with senior Soviet generals to try to get as much technology from the West for those generals so they will be able to work with new weapon systems. That is why providing unconditional credits to the Soviet Union now is destructive for the West. Unconditional credit to the Soviet Union means that a large part of it will end up in the military-industrial complex.

Q. It has been said that Gorbachev's game plan is to deprive the West of an enemy, thereby disarming and eventually destroying us. Do you believe that?

That's a little far-fetched. Gorbachev now is preoccupied with the domestic situation and his own
political survival. He also shows that he is very bright in
tactics but is a very poor strategist. I don't think he has a clear
vision of what will happen in the Soviet Union 10 years from
now. On the other hand, Gorbachev definitely has outstanding public relations talents, and he really has charmed
Europe out of its shoes. However, I won't say that everything
Gorbachev does in foreign policy is all fake. It is not. But
what is important is to read the real reasons that force him to
behave this way. And read his actions.

MERICANS are optimistic, kindhearted and, unfortunately, rather naive politically.

STANISLAV LEVCHENKO

Q. You mentioned that the Soviet military is being reduced. To what extent has there been any real reduction?

Let's go back to Gorbachev's 1988 speech before the United Nations. I was shocked to hear him say that he is going to cut the Soviet military by 10 percent—just 10 percent—just 10 percent in the has to cut it 20 percent or 30 percent. Gorbachev definitely understands that any major cut of Soviet military strength will cause an immediate move in the West, including this country, to force the Pentagon to cut even more. In the Soviet Union they have 5.5 million people in a military that is definitely oversized. A modern army does not have to be that large. The U.S. military force is not oversized, but it's easy to cut and difficult to get back to where it was. Gorbachev also knows this and is playing a very skillful game.

Q. Do you see reduction in Soviet aid to communist revolutionaries and guerrilla forces around the world?

For a while, yes. Although Soviet forces have left Afghanistan, the Soviets still supply the pro-Soviet regime with arms. Whether it is a genuine retreat for a long period or a tactical maneuver to regroup forces for future Please turn to page 50

A Christmas To Remember

By Lester David

The crossing of the Delaware River and capture of Trenton by Gen. George Washington and his Continental Army is one of the great events of American history. The victory was considered a military miracle and was the turning point in the War for Independence. What follows is a detailed account of that event.

HRISTMAS Day, 1776.
At daybreak, a numbing wind was blowing in from the northeast and the leaden skies warned of a snowstorm. A ragtag army clustered in and around a ferry house on the banks of the Delaware, upriver from Trenton. N.J.

Many of the soldiers, mostly farm boys in their teens and early 20s, were sick and barely able to walk. Several were shoeless and others tied cloths around their bleeding feet.

Gen. George Washington, suffering from a harsh cold, a wool scarf wrapped around his neck, was barking commands, astride a chestnut horse. As he supervised the loading of a fleet of boats to carry out his bold plan, he occasionally conferred with his officers, nearly all young men.

Tied along the bank were heavy, ungainly Durham boats, from 40 to 66 feet in length. Named for their designer, Robert Durham, the boats wouldn't win prizes for their nautical beauty, but they were excellent for freight-carrying because they maneuvered well in shallow water.

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Many of the soldiers were sick and barely able to walk. Yet what happened on that Christmas Day in 1776 is considered a military miracle.

The soldiers filed into the Durhams with muskets and bayonets. Artillerymen loaded 18 field pieces, ranging from three-pounders to 5.5 inch howitzers. Horses were carefully led aboard.

Washington looked at the lowering skies and then at the river, choked with blocks of ice. Trying to force the boats through those chunks, some as large as boulders, would be difficult enough, but suppose snow and sleet came? Would the boats capsize? Would the remnants of his army be lost?

Bleak as the outlook was, it was too late to turn back.

Outgunned and outmanned, the Continental Army had suffered a devastating defeat earlier that winter. With the British in hot pursuit, Washington's force had been driven from New York and New Jersey to the banks of the Delaware. Only a few months before, he had 20,000 cocky, confident troops, but with heavy casualties and declining enlistments the Army had dwindled to less than 6,000, most in poor condition.

When he reached the river, Washington commandeered all the boats he could find and crossed to the Pennsylvania side. He reasoned his troops would be safe for a while

because he had left no boats for the enemy to follow. But he was only buying time. As soon as the river froze, he knew the Redcoats would stream across it and wipe out his troops.

Sir William Howe, who commanded the British forces, was confident that New York was safe. He had battened down for the winter there after assigning three regiments of mercenaries from Hesse to Trenton, under the command of Lord Charles Cornwallis. The Hessians, who hailed from a region between Thuringia and the Rhine River in Germany, were tough, able men who were proud of their hard-earned reputation as good soldiers.

It looked bleak for the Americans. Only a few months after the Declaration of Independence was proclaimed to the world, the cause of freedom seemed all but hopeless. Washington's troops were demoralized. Congress had fled to Baltimore from Philadelphia and few colonists were optimistic of victory. In Trenton, Cornwallis, warm and secure, predicted that the colonials could be beaten into submisson by spring.

Bad as it was for Washington, the situation soon would worsen. By the end of December, 2,500 men would lay down their arms and return to their farms. Colonial soldiers were not conscripted to serve for the duration of hostilities; they signed up for a period of time, then left the campaigns. On Dec. 17, Washington gloomily noted in his diary: "Ten more days will put an end to the existence of our army."

At this dark hour, Washington formed a plan. It was a desperate gamble involving momentous risk, but he realized he had no other choice.

Germans, he knew, celebrated Christmas more than the Americans in those days, and the troops would likely be woozy and sleepy. He determined to



"Washington Crossing The Delaware" Painting By Emanuel Leutze

strike a swift, audacious blow. His plan called for crossing the Delaware on Christmas night and marching nine miles to Trenton to surprise the Hessians. He issued orders to distribute three-days' cooked rations and additional ammunition to his troops.

When darkness fell at about 6 p.m., Washington boarded one of the Durhams with two dozen men and a handful of officers, and signaled William Blackler, skipper of the craft, to cast off. With Washington was young Col. Henry Knox, in charge of the artillery, a large man with an equally large posterior. Washington approached him and said jocularly: "Shift your weight, Knox, and trim the boat." (Trimming a boat means to balance it properly.)

The men howled with laughter and soon the comment swept through the little fleet, buoying the spirits of the men. A morale boost was sorely needed because the snow, which had fallen all day, had turned to sleet and a cutting wind prevailed.

For nine hours, at a very slow pace, the boats plowed through the hazardous ice-clogged river. Later, a Delaware captain wrote: "It was only with the ONLY a few months
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greatest care and labor that the horses and artillery could be ferried across. But not a boat was capsized, not a man or cannon was lost."

Cold, wet and miserable, the men landed on a frozen patch of New Jersey pasture land. Washington had planned to reach the bank at midnight, but it was 3 a.m. before the entire army had assembled. The commander had hoped to strike the Hessians during the night. Now the attack would have to be made in daylight.

Dawn was still a few hours away when the troops began marching along the river road toward Trenton. At a crossroads, Gen. Nathanael Greene veered off with a division to attack Trenton from the northeast.

Nobody would have any trouble tracking the path of the Continentals—blood from their feet left a clear trail. By 7:30 a.m., they had advanced to the north end of Trenton, where they overpowered Hessian outposts.

The attack on the city began one-half hour later. Washington gave the order to advance and the American troops rushed to the junction of Trenton's main streets, King and Queen. Bleary-eyed Hessians ran out of their barracks and braced to meet the charge. But the Colonial artillerymen had placed their cannons where they could sweep both of the main roads. With great difficulty,

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HIGH GOST OF BLAME

America has become a litigious society in which we sue each other for nearly everything that happens. Almost anyone can get sued, and here's why.

By Richard K. Willard

LITIGIOUS epidemic swept across the country in the mid-1980s, leaving many businesses and groups in a quandry. Doctors and other professionals, large and small businesses, and even notfor-profit groups such as the American Red Cross and Boy Scouts. watched their liability insurance premiums skyrocket beyond affordability. In many cases, the coverage was unavailable at any price. Day-care centers and playgrounds closed; many doctors fled private practices because of soaring malpractice insurance premiums.

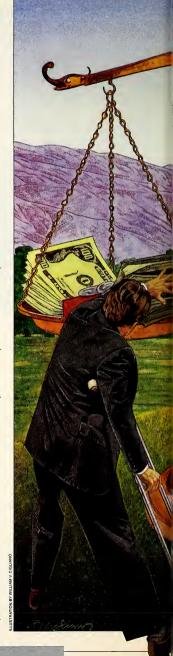
Today, the crisis appears to have eased. Insurance is more available for cities and small businesses, and the rate

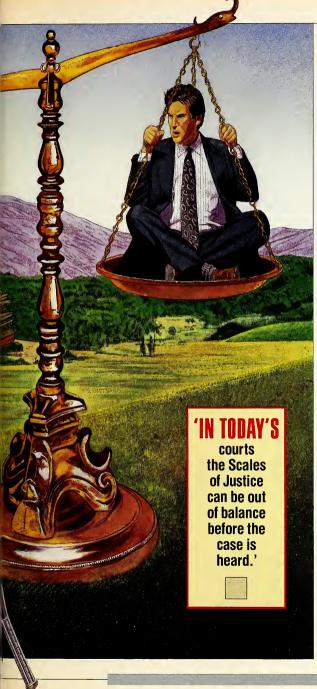
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of premium increases has slowed considerably. Some observers speculate that the great liability crisis is now over. Maybe so, but the problems persist.

And although many people accuse insurance companies of creating these problems, the insurance industry cannot be blamed for everything. Former Mayor Edward Koch said because New York City is self-insured, insurance-industry practices obviously have nothing to do with its high liability payments. He noted that New York has had "exponential growth" in its payments for personal-injury cases, from about \$24 million in 1977 to nearly \$120 million in 1985, an increase of almost 400 percent in eight years.

Koch also said the city's projected liability for claims in early 1986 was \$1.5 billion. His estimate sounded high until a Bronx jury awarded a woman \$65 million in a malpractice suit against a city-owned hospital; \$58 million of that award was for pain and suffering.





There has been much controversy about the litigation explosion and the extent to which jury awards have escalated. Recent studies by the Rand Corp. Institute for Civil Justice show that the average jury award has increased enormously since the early 1960s. For example, the average malpractice award in Cook County, Ill., climbed from \$52,000 in the early 1960s to more than \$1 million in the early 1980s. an increase of 1,823 percent. During the same period, the average productliability award in San Francisco rose from \$99,000 to \$1.1 million, an increase of 1,011 percent. Although there were steady increases throughout this period, the majority occurred during the past five years.

The major cause of the liability-award explosion may be judicial activism. Civil law has been revolutionized by a generation of judges engaged in social engineering, who have produced a trend toward no-fault liability in tort law (civil cases that involve damages). Five recent decisions by the California and New Jersey Supreme Courts illustrate how far this

trend has gone:

• Bigbee v. Pacific Telephone. An apparently intoxicated driver lost control of her car, which veered into a parking lot and hit a telephone booth. A man standing in the booth was injured and filed a lawsuit. But who did he sue? Not the driver, but the companies that designed, installed and maintained the booth.

In an opinion written by former Chief Justice Rose Bird, the California Supreme Court found that the risk of a car's veering off the road and crashing into this particular phone booth—located 15 feet off the roadway—was foreseeable and that a jury would be permitted to find the defendants liable. Bird found it inconsequential that the plaintiff's injury was primarily caused by the recklessness of the intoxicated driver.

• Peterson v. San Francisco Community College District. The plaintiff in this case, a college student, was assaulted in broad daylight by someone who had hidden in overgrown bushes near a stairway in the school's parking lot. The student sued the school.

The California Supreme Court unanimously concluded that a jury could find the school liable on the basis that it was aware of criminal conduct in the area and "failed to take reasonable protec-

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Their Memory Lives On

By Gary Turbak

HORTLY after midnight on July 6, 1964, Viet Cong forces — clad only in shorts to conceal their unit's identity and carrying handcuffs for the American prisoners they hoped to take — attacked the remote South Vietnamese and American outpost at Nam Dong. Mortars ripped at the ground and shrapnel buzzed

through the air like lethal mosquitoes. In the eerie glow of a flare, the handful of defenders saw a 1,000-man communist force pushing through the bellyhigh elephant grass that surrounded the camp.

Early in the battle, Army Master Sgt. Gabriel Alamo suffered serious burns, but he ignored them. Then a rifle sligore into his body. Despite his wounds, the 45-year-old veteran of Korea and World War II rushed to the main gate to help turn back an attack. Later, using a mortar pit as a bunker, he and a few other Americans fought off a massive frontal assault, sometimes tossing back the enemy's live grenades at them. When one exploded nearby, Alamo was again injured, but the defenders began to pull back. Covering the retreat for

Award-winning journalist Gary Turbak of Missoula, Mont., contributes regularly to this and other general-interest magazines. those more severely wounded, Alamo was the last to leave the pit, and as he did, a mortar took his life.

On April 14, 1965, a few soldiers in jungle fatigues quietly gathered at the entrance of a small military compound at 137 Tran Hung Dao Street in Saigon. The senior officer read a proclamation, then unveiled a plaque proclaiming the Alamo Bachelor Enlisted Quarters, in honor of Gabriel Alamo.

LAMO was neither the first nor last American GI to lend his name to a piece of Vietnam. At least 126 times during the war, the comrades of fallen U.S. fighting men kept their buddies' memories alive by christening a camp, airfield, building or other facility in their honor. From the DMZ to the Mekong Delta, the names of Americans have been written on the face of Vietnam.

It's likely, though, that these honors - and maybe even some of the deeds that spawned them - might have slipped into oblivion were it not for retired Army Master Sgt. Ray Bows, a Vietnam veteran and former columnist for Stars and Stripes. While researching a book about script and tokens used in Vietnam, Bows discovered that few records had been kept about Vietnam places named for GIs. Expanding his project immensely, he incorporated these stories into his book, and the result is the recently published, 712page volume, Vietnam Military Lore 1959-1973 . . . Another Way to Remember. "This is not the story of politicians, generals and major campaigns," said Bows, "It's Vietnam the way it was as told through the actions and sacrifices of those who didn't return."

The deeds that flow from the pages of Bows' book have many themes — courage, bravery, dedication. Frequently, these men were career soldiers, veterans of Korea and World War II. But the message that reverberates most often from these tales is one of selflessness. Again and again, the men whose names survived them in a foreign land were those who died so that others might live. They are true American heroes.

Just ask anyone who knew Warrant Officer Ernest Hensel. Soon after arriving in Vietnam in 1966, the 22-year-old helicopter pilot found himself flying to the aid of an American rifle platoon pinned down near the Cambodian border. For nearly an hour, he assaulted the enemy by swooping down directly into gunfire. When the gunship ran out

of ammunition, Hensel and his crew continued the assault, firing from the chopper with small arms. When that ammunition was exhausted, Hensel still refused to give up. Repeatedly, he swept in low and fast and unarmed, "bombing" the enemy with the only things left in the helicopter—empty ammo cans and cases of C-rations. The incredibly brazen attack worked well enough to allow the besieged platoon to withdraw with just a few casualties.

Hensel flew nearly 600 more combat



missions during the next 11 months, but no records kept track of the lives he saved or the enemy casualties he caused. Finally, it was time to go home, and he wrote to his mother telling her what he would like for his first stateside Sunday dinner. Ten days before he was due to ship out, however, another pilot got sick, and Hensel volunteered to fly a reconnaissance mission. Hovering 50 feet above the jungle canopy, Hensel's helicopter suddenly took heavy enemy fire and crashed. The young pilot was killed. In April 1967, the landing strip at Pleiku was renamed the Hensel Army Airfield.

It was the same kind of sacrifice that led to the dedication of Camp Hosking at Bien Hoa. Master Sgt. Charles "Snake" Hosking was a seasoned soldier who had fought in five European campaigns in World War II. He joined the Army's Special Forces in 1953 and a decade later went to Vietnam. Tough and aggressive, Hosking quickly earned the respect of the Vietnamese on both sides. The Viet Cong even put a bounty on his head.

In March 1967, Hosking captured a Viet Cong sniper, bound the man securely, and marched him back toward camp. On the bank on the Song Be River, however, Hosking untied his prisoner so that his hands would be free for the river crossing. As he did, the man grabbed a hand grenade from Hosking's belt, pulled the pin and rushed toward a nearby group of American and South Vietnamese troops. Hosking overtook the Viet Cong, leaped on his back, and squeezed the man in a bear hug that pressed the grenade tightly against the prisoner's chest. Hosking threw the prisoner to the ground, covering the man and the grenade with his own body. When the grenade exploded, it killed the Viet Cong and Hosking. The others escaped injury.

Another hero from Bows' book is Army Mai, Jack Sanford, With combat experience in Korea, a black belt in judo, and a way of making every battle his private war, helicopter pilot Sanford quickly earned a reputation as a do-ordie fighting man. He especially liked to send the enemy scurrying for cover by flying in fast at tree-top level with helicopter guns blazing. Once, while wounded, he repeatedly attacked a Viet Cong position with a crippled aircraft until nearby friendly troops could withdraw. On another occasion, he took a bullet in the neck and shrapnel in the face but was flying again within a week. On June 16, 1965, however, Sanford was shot down while on a mission to rescue a captured American. He died in a helicopter on the way to the hospital. Sanford Army Airfield at Long Binh was named in his honor.

The list of selfless actions goes on and on. Capt. Donald Koelper rushed into a crowded Saigon theater to warn of an impending bomb blast and was killed. Maj. Edward Crum lost his life as he aided a wounded soldier. Col. Jack Dempsey died when his helicopter was shot down during a rescue. There are dozens more.

For a time, signs and plaques and archways commemorated the Vietnamese sites named for fallen GIs—Koelper Compound in Saigon, Crum Compound at Coa Lanh, Dempsey

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YOU CAN BE

WHATYOU WANT TO BE

By Dr. Norman Vincent Peale

BOY named Harry Moore lived with his widowed mother in Jersey City in a three-room apartment in a run-down neighborhood. They were very poor people, but clean, decent and churchgoing. One day after school Harry walked disconsolately into the kitchen, which doubled as a living room, tossed his cap onto the hat rack in the corner, and sprawled into a chair. His mother was stirring something on the stove.

"Mama," he said, "I sometimes have strange feelings. They're funny. I get 'em every once in a while."

"What kind of feelings, son?"

"Oh, I dunno, but it's like something inside me keeps saying I'm somebody or can be something. I just don't know what it all means."

"I do, Harry. I know exactly what it means. You are going to be a great man some day."

"But, Mama, I can never amount to anything. We are poor and we have no pull or anything. Only the rich and famous can get to the top."

Mama stopped stirring and pointed the dripping ladle at him, drops falling unheeded to the floor. "Listen to me, son. Don't ever let me hear you talk like that again. All you need is just two things—God and gumption."

Gumption is an old-fashioned word

Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, a noted clergyman, editor, author and inspirational leader has written numerous books about the Bible, religion and positive living. One of his early books, The Power of Positive Thinking, is considered the leading statement on the subject. Peale, 91, served as The American Legion Chaplain for Kings County, N.Y., 1925-27.

Success comes to those people who want to be the best at what they do, with the help of God and gumption.

which means having the common sense and the guts to do something yourself with enthusiasm and character. Gumption is the stuff that sturdy, persistent, enthusiastic people are made of. It's still a mighty good expression.

EARS later when Harry was serving one of his three terms as governor of New Jersey, he was making a speech about America and its opportunities. He was a terrific speaker, with know-how and enthusiasm. Afterward, a young fellow told him, "Governor, I don't buy that stuff you were handing out. You know as well as I do that unless you've got money and pull and connections, you can't get anywhere in this capitalist society. That's why I 've got a program for us poor people."

"Guess you don't know who you're talking to," answered the governor. "I alked just that way to my mother when I was a kid, all except that communist bit. I never was that dumb, poor as we were." He told the boy about God and gumption. "Okay, son, what is your goal?"

The boy had one. "I want to be the best surgeon in this state."

"Great," said Moore. "What you can

conceive you can achieve. Go with God and gumption."

A few years later Moore gave the commencement talk at a large university on his usual theme, "You Can Be What You Want To Be." After the ceremony, a graduate wearing the green hood of a new doctor of medicine walked to Moore and said, "Hello, Governor. Remember me? Thanks to you, I made it. That God-and-gumption bit did it."

Telling me this story long after it happened, the governor commented, "Get a person to have enthusiasm and all the other necessary qualities for success are activated—things such as a goal, persistence, ability to work hard and determination."

To be successful professionally, one must first be successful as a person Being successful as a person means being in complete charge of your emotions. When things go wrong, don't slump in gloom and despair, imagining the worst and thinking you are a failure.

Instead, the successful person knows that failure is a fact of life and not all bad. Failure is a teacher showing you how *not* to do a thing. It is often a helpful finger pointing to a better way.

But disorganized minds are prone to discouragement and see only the worst. Such minds are shrouded in depression and cannot think. To succeed, you've got to think, not simply react. Successful persons are always able to think. They think creatively and look squarely at failure and calmly, intelligently, objectively, even coolly ask: "What will this teach me?"

Another obstacle to success is the tendency of negative thinking. Sometimes the instinctive reaction is, "It won't work. It can't be done." This attitude nullifies creativity, frustrates innovation and hampers progress. It



WINNING SPIRIT—In today's highly competitive world, a positive attitude can be the difference between victory and defeat.

courts total failure. If one invariably declares, "It won't work," it won't. And the result of constant emphasis on "it can't be done" will be it isn't done.

But negative thinking isn't instinctive: it's the result of training and habit. We are not born negative thinkers but acquire that mental attitude as children. If American schools taught positive thinking in the kindergarten and lower grades, we could develop positive-thinking children. Accordingly, we

would have more successful persons working more successful jobs.

If a negative thinker wants to be positive instead, he will have to unlearn old habits of thought. The best procedure is to start with little positives and work up to big ones. Start your day with a simple positive such as, "This is going to be a great day," or, "I'm going to do something really good today." Also, dispense with the, "I don't feel good." Instead say, "I feel great." Such affirmations

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will have a surprising effect on how good you feel.

Regardless of how long people have been conditioned by negative thinking, they can become positive thinkers. And when that happens, the result will be enhanced success.

A book that has motivated my gumption is I Dare You, by William Danforth, founder of the Ralston Purina Co. He was sickly as a boy, but was blessed by good fortune in a teacher who believed boys and girls could become what they wanted to be. One day the teacher challenged the sickly Danforth boy, "I dare you to be the strongest, healthiest boy in this class." He thundered, "I dare you to be . . . to be . . . to be." The boy took the dare. He outlived all his classmates. had boundless energy until his late 80s and became one of the great salesmen of America. He achieved

excellence physically, emotionally and professionally. Through study and work, he sought always to improve, ever goaded by the goals of excellence.

In his book, Danforth wrote of a salesman in his organization who was failing. The salesman told Danforth he was quitting; he just wasn't cut out to be a salesman. He couldn't make it. Danforth didn't fool around. "What do you mean by putting yourself down this Please turn to page 54

Mensas, Densas and HINOS

We are a nation of joiners. There are more than 400,000 national, state and local organizations. Chances are you belong to at least one of them.

By Jay Stuller

ROUCHO Marx reflected the irreverent and slightly curmudgeonly side of the American character when he quipped that he'd never belong to a club that would have him as a member. On the whole, Americans clearly maintain a fierce streak of individual independence. Yet, no society has created and sustained more organizations, large and small, than the United States.

There are nearly 21,500 national associations in the country. R. William Taylor, president of the American Society of Association Executives,

Jay Stuller, a San Francisco-based journalist, writes frequently on social conditions in America. estimated that there are about 200,000 formal state and local organizations in the United States, and many more informal groups. Virtually nothing in the universe—be it animal, vegetable, mineral or even a mere idea—is too trivial to spawn an organization devoted to it.

There are interest groups dedicated to promoting the images of specific animals, such as the 600-member American Association of Aardvark Aficionados. The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, the Animal Legal Defense Fund and the underground Animal Liberation Front share similar goals but use different tactics to protect feathered and furry friends.

Other groups are scholarly and obscure. The Institute of Lithuanian Studies in Evergreen Park, Ill., supports and publishes research on Lithuania's language and culture. The Catecholamine Club, headquartered at the Mayo Foundation in Rochester, Minn., is composed of 350 neuroscientists who study the biochemistry of catecholamines, natural compounds that are a part of brain chemistry. If that's a bit highbrow for your taste, there is even a counterpart to the high-IO Mensa organization called Densa, or the Zippy Collectors Club, which is made up of folks who save mail from different ZIP codes.

Still other associations are deadly serious, from the Coalition for the Strategic Defense Initiative with 330 supporters to the 250,000-member National Organization for Women. Most Americans may not belong to the Catecholamine Club, NOW or the Marx

Brothers Study Unit, but it's the rare American who doesn't belong to at least one organization, whether he knows it or not.

Most societies have associations of various kinds, from social clubs in west-African villages to incredibly expensive private golf clubs in Japan. The Soviet Union has more than its share of professional associations and, of course, one rather large organization known as the Communist Party.

People with common interests and concerns have banded into organizations since ancient times. The Roman empire had trade associations that fostered the prosperity of members. In the Middle Ages, craft and merchant guilds emerged and they helped laborers gain sufficient wages and established quality work standards for employers. Chambers of commerce and large trade associations formed in the wake of Western industrialization. With more leisure time, people began to join special-interest societies.

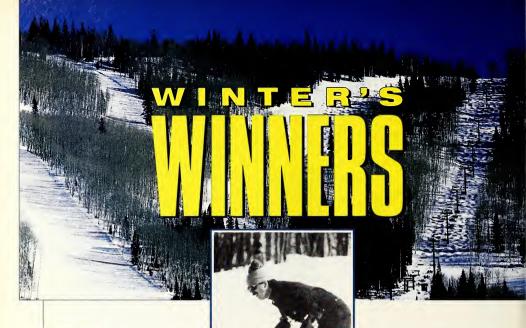
MERICANS, however, formed groups with a zeal seldom seen anywhere else in the world. French philosopher Alexis de Tocqueville, who so accurately took the pulse of the United States and its people with his 1835 classic, Democracy in America, marveled at this characteristic. "Americans of all ages, all conditions and all dispositions constantly form associations," he wrote. "They have not only commercial and manufacturing companies in which all take part but associations of a thousand other kinds, religious, moral, serious, futile, restricted, enormous or diminutive.

"The Americans," Tocqueville continued, "make associations to give entertainment, to found seminaries, to build inns, to construct churches, to diffuse books, to send missionaries to the antipodes. Wherever at the head of some new undertaking you see the government of France or a man of rank in England, in the United States you will be sure to find an association."

Dr. Lynn Kahle, an associate professor of marketing at the University of Oregon, has studied the growth of American associations. A psychologist, Kahle suggested that a significant portion of discretionary income—as well as time—goes into group-oriented interests.

"The first and most obvious reason Please turn to page 53





HE first five months of 1989 was an uneasy period for the 84,000 people living in and around Grand Junction, Colo. Area residents and employees of the VA Medical Center were worried that the National Winter Sports Clinic for disabled veterans would be moved to another location next year.

VA medical centers in other ski areas of the country had lobbied vigorously to host the week-long event that has become so much a part of the kindred spirit of the Colorado community.

However, a heavy sigh of relief echoed through the Western Slope of the Rocky Mountains in May, when VA decided to keep the clinic in Grand Junction for at least one more year. The 1990 sports clinic for disabled veterans will be Feb. 11-16, to avoid competing with the world championships for disabled skiers scheduled in late February at nearby Winter Park.

"I guess the people in Washington, D.C., believed that Grand Junction had too much going for it to be displaced just yet," said Sandy Trombetta, a therapist at VAMC Grand Junction and founder of the clinic. "No one can deny that this area hasn't gone all out to show it wants the clinic here."

Everyone recognizes the importance

DETERMINED—The veterans are fitted with ski equipment especially adapted for their disabilities.

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of the clinic. Local merchants, companies and veterans' organizations donate time, money, food, refreshments and other goods and services to the program. Some VA hospital employees use their own vacation time to help the participants, and local bus drivers, who are members of veterans' organizations, take time off work to drive the buses for the veterans.

"It's obvious something special happens here annually during the last week in February," said Neal Thomas, Colorado Department Commander of The American Legion (1988-89). "It's the same kind of warmth most people experience at Christmas, It's something you can't quite express in words, yet everyone wants to share in it."

Another reason why the clinic has remained in Grand Junction could be logistic, according to Theresa Cunningham, chief of the Voluntary Services at VAMC Grand Junction. "It's much easier here for the veterans to get from the airport to the hotel, and from the hotel to the ski area than it is in larger cities. And for VA hospital employees, the distance from the medical center to the slope is also close," she said.

Also in Grand Junction's favor are the disabled veterans who have annually enjoyed the slopes. Last year, after learning about the possible move, the veterans petitioned the VA sports and recreation committee to keep the event where it has been held the past three years.

One of last year's participants was David Dickens, 40, of Post 159, Bryan, Texas. Dickens' life in a wheelchair began when he was a staff sergeant with the 5th Special Forces Group in Vietnam. His unit was attacked by enemy troops of the North Vietnamese Army, and he was wounded and captured. The NVA broke his spine during interrogation, and the Green Beret was left for dead. His unit found him alive when it returned for bodies.

"This year was the first I had attended the clinic, but I hope to return next year and do more skiing," he said. "There's nothing like it."

Dickens was one of 105 veterans from 20 states, ranging in ages from 24 to 70, who attended last year's clinic. Participants included men and women with spinal cord injuries and neurological problems, as well as amputees and blind veterans.

Each veteran was fitted with ski equipment especially adapted for the particular injury. Among the devices were single and double skis equipped with seats, and outrigger poles with miniskis.

Blind veteran Marty Martinez of

Oakland, Calif., has an answer as pat as a Colorado ski slope waiting for anyone who asks him why he skis: "If you don't reach out in life and try to extend yourself, you won't do anything. Sure I'm blind, but give me a chance and I can do anything."

Each morning and afternoon, the veterans board buses for Powderhorn Ski Resort, less than an hour's drive from their Grand Junction motel. The resort is on the northern rim of the 9,850-foot high Grand Mesa, the largest flat top mountain in the world.

While some of the veterans ski, other groups participate in aerobics, snow-mobile and sleigh rides, skeet shooting, shopping and sight-seeing tours that include the Museum of Western Colorado, featuring the world's largest and smallest dinosaur skeletons. Evening activities include basketball, fly-tying, wheel-chair self-defense, and wheel-chair and adaptive dancing.

"The clinic is not about skiing or the opportunity to ski," said Trombetta. It's to provide veterans who are normally shut out of activities with the opportunity to pursue challenges and gain the confidence to do the things they used to do. The first year we were the teachers; now we are the students.

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DOWNHILL RACER—Sit-skis provide the thrills for veterans in wheelchairs. The clinic's goal is fitness, rehabilitation and fun.

The Legion Lunch



HUNGRY SKIERS—Adjutant Crosby assists Auxiliary members prepare box lunches for clinic participants. The ladies (from left) are Cathy Moseman, Julia Harris, Lil O'Neill and Dora Emerick.

POSTMASTER Elden Crosby of Mesa, Colo., takes a week's leave every February so he can join the brigade of volunteers who work on the National VA Winter Sports Clinic at Grand Junction, Colo.

At 8:45 sharp each morning, Crosby, the Adjutant of American Legion Post 33, opens the door to the one-room Post home (plus kitchen), which is 100 feet down the street from his post office.

During the next two hours, about 10 members of the Post's Auxiliary and Legionnaires prepare box lunches for the more than 100 hungry disabled veterans who are challenging the ski slopes of Powderhorn Ski Resort six miles away.

"It's the ladies of the Auxiliary who make this work," said Crosby. "Caring people such as Lil O'Neill and Julia Harris." O'Neill is the Post's Auxiliary president, and 86-year-old Harris is the Post's historian and first woman to be initiated into the Post Auxiliary in 1920.

Serving veterans has been a major part of the lives of the two ladies. O'Neill, the secretary for Auxiliary District 13, is VA Voluntary Service representative at the Grand Junction VA hospital, 24 miles from Mesa. Harris served as the VAVS representative for several years before O'Neill.

For Post 33, feeding the sports Please turn to page 54 ormer prisoners of war deserve the Purple Heart, says Rep. Brian J. Donnelly of Massachusetts, who has introduced legislation to give the medal to POWs of all wars in this century.

Executive Order 11016 signed by President John F. Kennedy in 1962 authorized the Purple Heart for POWs subjected to deprivation or mistreatment in any future conflicts. The status of POWs of earlier conflicts, World War I, World War II and the Korean War, remained unchanged, however. In those wars, only persons killed or injured in combat were eligible for the Purple Heart.

Donnelly's bill would extend President Kennedy's action to include the POWs from the earlier wars. "They should be entitled to the same recognition of their suffering and

bravery," Donnelly said.

I Bill education benefits end Dec. 31 for more than 750,000 Vietnam-era veterans and others who served on active duty between Jan. 31, 1955, and Jan. 1, 1977. Under the law, VA will stop sending checks to some 60,000 veterans currently attending school or enrolled in training programs resulting from their qualifying service.

Not affected by the expiration date are veterans enrolled in VA's other programs—the Veterans' Educational Assistance Program, and the Montgomery GI Bill, which covers those who served after June 30, 1985, including members of the

Reserve and National Guard.

A bill introduced by Sen. John McCain of Arizona and three bills in the House propose to extend the benefits, but chances of passage are slight. "I would be surprised if the date was extended," said Jim Holley, a spokesman for the House Veterans' Affairs Committee.

ince merchant marines of 1941-45 were granted veteran status last year, the Coast Guard has received 74,000 applications for discharge certificates. The number represents 42 percent of the estimated 175,000 merchant seamen who are still alive and eligible for veteran status.

According to marine consultant Charles Gibson, another 20,000 Civil Service seamen who served with the Army Transport Service are also eligible, but only 6,000 have applied for discharges.

Once the seamen receive discharge certificates, they are eligible to apply for certain veterans' benefits.

"Even if you consider that many of the merchant marines have no need or desire to apply for veteran status, the low number of applicants seem to indicate that many have not gotten the word," said Gibson.

This may be especially true of the widows of more than 6,700 merchant marines who died in battle. Gibson said few widows have applied for death certificates (DD-1300s) and the subsequent VA Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC).

"General opinion is that the lack of widow applications is

because only a few of them would still have any contact with the maritime community, especially those widows in inland states and not living in retirement communities," Gibson said.

Gibson cited the case of a woman in Milo, Maine, whose husband was the master of the tanker *Muskogee*, which sank during an enemy attack in 1942. In recent years, the 82-year-old widow was barely surviving on a Social Security payment of \$350 a month. She will soon begin receiving her VA pension of \$991 a month, plus her \$350 Social Security check.

The amount of VA compensatory pensions for widows depends on the husband's rank at the time he died. DIC payments range from \$500 a month to \$991 a month, in addition to Social Security benefits widows may receive.

"I hope Legionnaires will help locate WWII merchant marines and their widows and inform them of their entitle-

ments," Gibson said.

John Sommer, director of the Legion's Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Division, said the veterans' entitlements of wartime merchant seamen have been widely publicized by the Legion in its magazine and other publications. "Department Service Officers also have been requested to assist former merchant seamen and their widows in obtaining benefits," Sommer said.

Merchant seamen who served in active ocean-going service from Dec. 7, 1941, to Aug. 15, 1945, are eligible to receive discharge certificates from the armed forces. Applicants for veterans status should fill out DD Form 2168, which is available at VA regional offices or merchant marine organizations. The completed form should be mailed to the applicant's former service. Addresses are Merchant Marine: Commandant (GMVP-1/12), U.S. Coast Guard, Washington, D.C. 20593-0001; and the Army Transport Service: Commander, U.S. Army Reserve Components Personnel and Administrative Center (DARP-PAS-EN), 9700 Page Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63132-5200.

Durial arrangements at national cemeteries now can be made on weekends and holidays, because of new scheduling procedures introduced by VA.

Previously, burial arrangement by funeral directors or families had to be made during normal work-day hours. The new service, which is offered at VA's 113 cemeteries, will prevent delays in making cemetery arrangements when a death occurs late in the week, or on a weekend or holiday.

VA now refers telephone calls during those periods to staffs of three national cemeteries open every day. Eligibility for burial will be confirmed and local scheduling arrange-

ments completed.

VA officials estimate that more than 58,000 eligible veterans and family members will be buried in national

cemeteries this year.

"This is a small but important difference VA can make in easing the many burdens families face when a death occurs," said Veterans Affairs Secretary Edward J. Derwinski.

A CODE TO FIY BY

All night long they shone their flashliahts on the flag in an uncommon viail of respect.

HREE beams of light pierced the darkness of the cool September night as Legionnaire Leon Hagan and two buddies aimed their flashlights at the U.S. Flag. Noticing the flag was unilluminated outside the 1983 National Convention site in Seattle, the men remained there until daybreak.

Hagan and his friends knew that the U.S. Flag Code calls for illuminating the flag when it is displayed at night. They also knew of the Legion's significant contribution to the creation of the flag code and its long-standing role as unofficial guardian of the flag.

The Legion's close ties with the flag originated in 1923 with the formation of the National Flag Conference to establish rules for proper flag respect and display. Garland W. Powell, past Nat'l Director of the Americanism Commission, was named chairman of the conference, which included more than 80 patriotic organizations.

Under Powell's leadership, the conference drafted a preliminary set of rules during its June 14-15 meetings. When the conference met again on May 15, 1924, it approved the first U.S. Flag Code.

With the full weight of the Legion behind it, the code was passed by Congress June 2, 1942, and since then has been amended six times. Among the changes was the addition of "under God" to the Pledge of Allegiance.

In the ensuing years, the Legion and



that schools and public buildings have flags, and these people line many streets and cemetery entrances with flags on patriotic holidays.

The Americanism Commission annually answers about 1,600 letters and phone calls on flag etiquette. One of the most frequently asked questions concerns illumination of the flag. As Hagan knew, the flag must be illuminated at night, or lowered at dusk and not raised before dawn.

NOTHER frequent question: Where should the blue field be placed when displaying the flag vertically? According to the flag code, the blue field should be at the top, left corner, as you face it.

Many patriotic Americans violate the code unwittingly when they display the flag, according to Gary Sammons, chairman of the Americanism Commission. "But when they are told about the code in a tactful manner, most people are happy to comply with its guidelines."

According to Sammons, Legion-

naires can preserve the code by displaying their Post flag correctly, flying the flag at their homes on Flag Day and other patriotic holidays, handing out copies of the flag code, and providing demonstrations of flag etiquette in schools.

One frequent unintentional violation is lowering the flag to half staff. The code states that the flag should only be lowered to half staff on Memorial Day until noon, or on occasions so ordered by the President or governor.

Possibly the most-violated flag code provision involves the use of the flag in advertising. The flag should not be displayed in advertising, except in ads by companies that manufacture flags or flag pins. Members of the Americanism Commission write to companies that violate that provision of the code and encourage other Legionnaires to write to companies that are using the flag inappropriately in advertising.

However, no flagrant disrespect for the flag has stirred the anger of Legionnaires more than the flag displayed on the floor at the Chicago Art Institute last year, and this year's Supreme Court Texas v. Johnson decision, which permits flag burning as a form of free speech. That ruling has prompted the Legion to conduct a nationwide campaign for a constitutional amendment to protect the flag from physical desecration.

On Oct. 12, the House passed legislation outlawing desecration of the U.S. Flag. At press time, the bill awaited the President's signature to become law. However, President Bush and The American Legion continue to believe the flag should be protected by a constitutional amendment.

"Like Hagan, the 3 million members of The American Legion must shine the light on the flag in this dark time," said Nat'l Cmdr. Miles S. Epling. "If any of this great nation's symbols deserves to be protected, it is the flag that we raised at Iwo Jima, planted on the moon and flies over our Capitol, our schools and our homes."

Questions concerning the U.S. Flag Code should be sent to the Americanism Commission, The American Legion, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206. Copies of "Let's Be Right on Flag Etiquette," 30 cents a copy, and "The U.S. Flag Code," 10 cents a copy, can be purchased from National Emblem Sales, The American Legion, P.O. Box 1050, Indianapolis, IN 46206.

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NAT'L CMDR.
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DURING CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY.

ACH time a door slams in the face of a needy veteran seeking VA health care one obvious and troubling question arises," said Nat'l Cmdr. Miles S. Epling during recent congressional testimony. "Where will that veteran go for care if no other sources are available? The American Legion fears that some simply go home and die."

That gloomy scenario was offered by Epling during his testimony before the Senate and House Veterans' Affairs committees Sept. 19, less than two weeks after his election as National Commander. Epling's comments referred to veterans who have been denied health care in recent years because of funding shortages.

"Those being denied care are not greedy, grasping parasites," Epling said. "They're mostly poor folks with very few options of where else to turn for help. Wherever they may go, whether it be Medicare, Medicaid or

state and local institutions, it's unlikely that these veterans will ever get back into the VA system."

Funding shortages in VA coffers in fiscal year 1989, estimated to be \$1 billion by some sources, forced many VA medical centers to eliminate all care for Category B and C veterans — those with non-service-connected medical conditions whose annual incomes exceed certain limits. Although legislation was proposed in the spring to offset the shortage, Congress didn't approve an additional \$350 million medical appropriation until mid-summer.

Echoing a concern many of his predecessors often have trumpeted on Capitol Hill, Epling said shortsighted VA budgeting policies have placed a crushing burden on the VA medical-care system. "Just a year ago, both of your committees held hearings to determine the extent of problems in the medical program as a result of dwindling money," he said. The Legion confirmed those problems by reports from the Legion's network of Department Service Officers—problems top VA officials denied at that time.

What cannot be denied are some of the alarming facts uncovered by a Legion survey conducted late last year at VA medical centers throughout the country, according to Epling. Among the results were: 135 of 159 medical directors reported that they were either forced to eliminate or cut inpatient and outpatient care for Category B and C veterans; almost all reported long delays in filling prescriptions and in the delivery of outpatient care and elective surgery.

"More than 2,700 hospital beds have

been closed since July 1988 because of budgetary problems," Epling said. "This is over and above the 13,000 beds reported closed before July 1988. There can be no doubt that this situation became much worse this year as the supplemental appropriation languished in Congress while waiting for final approval.

"Is this the thanks that veterans receive from a grateful nation?" Epling asked the congressmen. "It is, pure and simple, a broken promise in the eyes of many of those turned away for care."

Epling, a disabled combat veteran who served in Vietnam, also testified about some of the medical problems many of his fellow veterans face. Many of these problems were examined in The American Legion and Columbia University Study of Vietnam Veterans, whose findings were released about a year ago. In part, the study examined the health problems of veterans who served in various combat assignments where Agent Orange was used.

"Our study succeeded where others failed, especially regarding the effects of Agent Orange exposure," Epling said. "However, the Legion is disturbed about the manner in which these two committees have received the study." Several members of both veterans' committees have sided with the Centers for Disease Control, which has criticized the research methods used by the Legion's researchers, Drs. Jeanne M. and Steven D. Stellman.

The Legion study, which was published in the December 1988 issue of Environmental Research, 18ter undergoing vigorous peer review, conclusively showed that documented Agent Orange



OFFERING SOLUTIONS—Nat'l Cmdr. Epling urged the congressmen to establish an indemnity fee to protect veterans threatened with foreclosures on their VA homes.

spray missions can be correlated with troop deployments, thereby showing who was at high risk to exposure. It also showed that exposure can be be directly linked to benign fatty tumors, hypersensitivity to light, blistering skin rashes and myriad other health complaints. The research also showed an alarmingly high incidence of miscarriages among the wives of Agent Orange veterans.

After spending \$60 million and several years on a similar project, CDC said it could not correlate spray records and troop movements. CDC claims that the only way to determine whether a veteran has been exposed to Agent Orange is through blood testing for dioxin levels. The Catch-22 is that CDC says there weren't enough Vietnam veterans exposed to merit the study.

"That is totally absurd," Epling told the congressmen. "The Legion is outraged that the efforts of some who are supposed to be responsible government officials are no more than thinly veiled, alleged scientific explanations that discount and belittle veterans."

Epling also tackled the readjustment problems faced by as many as 15 percent of Vietnam veterans, most notably those suffering from symptoms related to Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), which also was researched in the Legion study. He said that VA's Vet Center programs, which are designed to provide counseling and other services to PTSD veterans, have been highly successful and the number of veterans who use them continues to grow.

"Last year, 80,551 new veteran clients were seen, the largest increase that has been experienced since the Vet Center program began in 1980," Epling said. He urged both committees to consider extending the program to veterans of World War II, and the Korean War and for those who served in hostilities after May 7, 1975, the cutoff date for Vietnam-era status.

In other areas, Epling called on the veterans' affairs committees to:

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which for the past decade lowered the quality and speedy delivery of education, disability compensation and pensions to veterans.

 Support full funding of Geriatric Research, Education and Clinical Centers and Geriatric Evaluation Units throughout VA's medical new work, and to expand the department's hospice program.

 Increase funding for AIDS research. VA has earned a reputation as a leader

in AIDS research, with research centers located in Baltimore, San Diego, Manhattan, San Francisco, Houston and Durham, N.C.

 Offer solutions to help stabilize VA's Home Loan Guaranty Program, which has been \$1 billion in the red each of the past two years. One solution would be to support an indemnity fee to protect veterans threatened by foreclosures on their VA-backed loans.

• Consider restoration of burial allowance for all honorably discharged veterans, which was eliminated in 1982 to all but indigent veterans.

• Consider converting VA-owned properties into temporary shelters or "safe houses" for homeless veterans.

Regardless of what issues veterans face, from health care to home loans, the crux of any service provided through VA revolves around spending, Epling said. "The Legion is very much aware that Congress has been concerned with the well-being of those who are serving in America's armed forces."

49 Resolutions Added To Legion's Legislative Program For Congress



CITIZEN SUPPORT—Before speaking at the 71st National Convention, President George Bush scans a copy of The American Legion Gallup Poll given to him by Nat'l Cmdr. H.F. "Sparky" Gierke. The poll showed that two-thirds of Americans want a constitutional amendment passed to protect the flag, an action Bush and the Legion fully support.

HE following resolutions, adopted by the 71st National Convention and

approved by the National Executive Committee, have become part of The American Legion's Legislative program for the 101st Congress.

AMERICANISM Res. 355: Seeks the adoption and

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ECONOMICS

Res. 44: Opposes transfer of Veterans Employment and Training Service to Department of Veterans Affairs

Res. 92: Supports legislation to redefine educationally disadvantaged veterans under the Gl Bill.

Res. 94: Supports amending Title 38, USC, to include members of the Ready Reserve and National Guard for U.S. Employment Service assistance

Res. 104: Supports \$900 million funding for state employment agencies under the Wagner-Peyser Act. Res. 105: Supports funding for the Veterans Vocational Training and Retraining Program.

Res. 124: Supports the permanent extension of the Veterans Readjustment Appointment Program.

Res. 157: Opposes any merger of VA and the Social Security programs

Res. 224: Supports a permanent Targeted Jobs Tax Credit program.

Res. 358: Supports provision for veterans' training under the Job Training Partnership Act.

FOREIGN RELATIONS

Res. 188: Supports prohibiting sale of U.S. factories to communist countries.

Res. 211: Supports conventional arms control in Europe.
Res. 241: Urges tighter control of

exportation of chemical and biological warfare technology.

Res. 285: Supports the Missing Service Personnel Act.

Res. 343: Supports a referendum to determine Puerto Rico's future status as a commonwealth, state or independent nation.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS

Res. 18: Recommends establishment of observances for the 50th anniversary of Pearl Harbor Day.

NATIONAL SECURITY Res. 60: Supports the development

of alternative energy sources.

Res. 142: Supports rebuilding the

U.S. shipbuilding industry.
Res. 191: Supports funding for

tactical fighter forces.

Res. 192: Supports funding for the

Res. 192: Supports funding for the strategic bomber and missile forces.

Res. 193: Supports funding for strategic airlift forces

Res. 197: Supports the registration of foreign defense contractors.

Res. 242: Supports the U.S. Coast

Res. 245: Supports a minimum 14carrier battle group Navy. Res. 277: Supports capital punish-

ment for treason.

Res. 310: Supports the constitu-

tional right to bear arms.

Res. 328: Supports the reasonable employment of DoD and Coast Guard resources to interdict the illicit drug flow.

drug flow.

Res. 330: Urges the U.S. government to prevent foreign entities from owning U.S. defense industries.

owning U.S. defense industries.

Res. 331: Encourages continued growth of our nuclear electric capac-

ity.

Res. 333: Urges funding for progressive U.S. armor and anti-armor improvements.

Res. 335: Supports funding for the V-22 Osprey tilt-rotor aircraft.
Res. 337: Supports funding for F-

VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION

14D aircraft conversions

Res. 4: Urges Congress and the President to provide sufficient health-care funding for veterans.

health-care funding for veterans.

Res. 10: Supports legislation to extend chiropractic services to eligible veterans.

Res. 13: Supports increase in the VA-authorized fee basis outpatient

Res. 22: Supports restructuring of salaries for Veterans Health Services and Research Administration person-

Res. 108: Opposes the merger of VA and the DoD medical-care sys-

Res. 159: Supports legislation to amend Title 38, USC, to provide protection for a disability rated for 10 or more years.

Res. 160: Supports legislation to eliminate the requirements for the means test and third-party reimbursement.

Res. 216: The American Legion policy on Agent Orange. Res. 218: Urges Congress to pro-

vide adequate funds to enable VA to carry out a program to maintain up-to-date health-care facilities.

Res. 220: Opposes any initiatives to tax-disability compensation payments.

Res. 228: Supports legislation to expand the list of presumptive service-connected disorders based on exposure to ionizing radiation.

Res. 230: Supports legislation to include the loss of one lung or loss of one kidney to the list of anatomical loss-of-use disabilities.

Res. 314: Opposes further curtailment of VA health-care benefits for veterans

Res. 315: Supports legislation to increase the monthly rates of disability compensation

Res. 316: Supports legislation to increase the monthly rates of dependency and indemnity compensation.

Res. 321: The American Legion policy on the National Cemetery System

Res. 323: Opposes a federal charter for the National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs.

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Mylio Kraja Appointed To VA Commission

YLIO KRAJA,
Executive
Director of
The American
Legion's Wash-

ington office, has been appointed to a search commission to recommend candidates for the position of chief medical director at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

Dr. John Gronvall, current chief medical director, announced that he will step down as soon as a successor is selected.

Kraja recently served on a special commission to recommend persons to replace John Vogel, VA's chief benefits director. Vogel was one of three candidates the commission recommended to Veterans Affairs Secretary Edward J. Derwinski, but Vogel turned down the job.

Approval Needed To Use Legion Grave Markers

NE of the greatest tokens of respect that the Legion can pay to deceased

members is to place American Legion grave markers on their tombstones. To ensure that Legionnaires continue to be honored with the marker, Nat'l Adjutant Robert W. Spanogle has advised Department and Post adjutants to follow these procedures:

- Post Adjutants are responsible for gathering the deceased Legionnaire's full name, membership verification and the name and address of the grave-marker manufacturer.
- Post Adjutants should give the information to Department Adjutants, who will verify the information and then request approval to use the emblem from the National Adjutant.

After approval, the Na-

tional Adjutant authorizes the gravestone manufacturer one-time rights to use the emblem on the marker.

The same procedure is followed for use of the American Legion Auxiliary emblem, but Auxiliary emblem requests should be sent to Miriam Junge, National Secretary, American Legion Auxiliary, 777 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46204.

Permission also may be given to use The American Legion emblem on a preneed basis. To be eligible for a pre-need marker, the Legionnaire must have at least 20 years consecutive membership or have a paidup-for-life membership, or be a life member with a Department membership plan. For pre-need marker permission or more information, write to Robert W. Spanogle, National Adjutant, National Headquarters, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206.



NOSE JOB — Raymond E. Prim (right) helps unveil the Legion Emblem on the nose of a B-52 bomber.

Legion Emblem Flies Texas Skies, Thanks To Post 297

HE American Legion has reached new heights in Ft. Worth, Texas, because of a special project at neighboring Carswell Air Force Base. A likeness of the Legion emblem now graces the nose of a B-52 bomber attached to Carswell's 7th Bomb Wing.

"A small number of B-52s and KC-135 tankers were set aside for displaying base and community organizational emblems on the aircrafts' noses, similar to those of 11 " World War Raymond E. Prim, past commander of Ft. Worth Post 297. "We had the distinct honor to display our organization's emblem." Also included on the nose of the plane were the Post number and "For God and Country," the words that begin the Preamble of the Legion Constitution. Post members were invited to the unveiling and dedication ceremonies and toured the bomber. The Legionnaires also were treated to bombing demonstrations.

"The program was initiated to promote esprit de corps on the base and within community." Prim said. "Members of Post 297 are proud to have the Legion emblem flying high through Texas skies."

35 More Posts Reach 100 Percent

ONGRATU-LATIONS to the following Post Commanders and all their members who helped achieve the 100 percent goal for 1989. Your dedication, continued recruitment of new members and renewals have ensured our reaching

the national goal of 3 million

GEORGIA

Post 107, Cochran, Dixon L. Griffin; Post 152, Hogansville, George N. Spradlin Jr.; Post 225, Wadley, Milles Scarboro Sr.; Post 229, Wens, John J. Jones, Post 232, Snellville, Cecil E. McCulley, Post 233, Loganville, Bobby Boss, Post 245, McCaysville, Robert L. Martin; Post 251, Duluth, James 14, Hardy Jr.; Post 556, Fitzgerald, Walter Southerland, Post 577, Barnesville, Richard L. Hardy.

MARYLAND

Post 116, Reisterstown, David Moses; Post 183, Parkville, Lee Mundle, Post 42, Hagerstown, Robert B, Rechbie; Post 274, Lusby, John R, Steciale; Post 259, Clinton, Walter Pimmerman; Post 277, Riviera Beach, Frederick Miller, Post 36, Chestertown, William T, Bright, Post 194, Rising Sun, Thomas Richardson; Post 13, Cumberland, Walter Durbin

MISSISSIPPI

Post 60, Ruleville, W.B. Davis.

NEW YORI

Post 93, Port Chester, Louis DiLeo; Post 112, Hawthome, Joseph Varuolo; Post 136, M. Kapel, George L. Crowe, Post 299, Nones, Anthony Post 369, M. Kapel, Post 299, Nones, Anthony Post 369, M. Charlon, M. Challe Garvey, Post 369, Nones, Post 369, Northown, Anthony Martin Moot; Post 1093, Yorktown, Anthony Marchy, Northown, Anthony 1048, Dobbs Ferry, George Petretti; Post 1574, Thornwood, Harry T. Lane; Post 1768, Mt. Vernon, August Gnerre, Post 1932, White Plains, Mitch Sinkin.

PENNSYLVANIA

Post 91, Mt. Carmel, Edward Homanick.

members.

Posts Urged To Aid Drug Prevention

NE major emphasis of the Legion's Children and Youth Com-

mission's program for the 1989-90 year is alcohol and drug abuse prevention. "This menace to our young people continues to rob our country of our most valuable asset-our future generations," said Nat'l Cmdr. Miles S. Epling. "Many young people have used illegal drugs by the time they graduate from high school. Almost half of all high school seniors have smoked marijuana and one of every eight seniors has used cocaine.'

Epling urged Post Commanders to work with young people in their communities to seek solutions to the problem. One solution, he said, is "Just Say No" clubs. The clubs are composed of children 7 to 14 years old who are committed to leading drug-free lives and helping their friends do the same.

"Just Say No" clubs can be organized by schools, parents, civic and service organizations and other community agencies and groups. The program's goal is to stop drug abuse before it starts.

A 220-page handbook on how to start a club is available for \$10 postpaid from "Just Say No" International, 1777 N. California Boulevard, Suite 210, Walnut Creek, CA 94596. Telephone numbers are (800) 258-2766 outside California and (415) 939-6666 in California.

During the 1988 Spring National Executive Committee Meetings, The American Legion passed Res. 23 authorizing Legion cooperation with the National Federation of State High School Associations to promote the TARGET Interactive Project (TIP). TIP is an interactive video produced to help students learn to make decisions about alcohol and other drugs. The students respond to situations, make decisions and then follow the impact and consequences of their decisions.

The Children and Youth Commission has also prepared three brochures to help support efforts in drug abuse prevention. Copies of "Children and Youth on the Rocks," "Marijuana" and "Cocaine" are available from Department Commanders or by writing the National Americanism and Children and Youth Divisions, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206.

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"BY OUR DEVOTION TO MUTUAL HELPFULNESS"

The National Executive Committee met in Indianapolis, Indiana, on October 18 and 19, 1989. this meeting a resolution was passed to reestablish an American Legion Disaster Relief Fund.

This fund is intended to assist American Legion Posts or members who suffer losses from national disasters. I can think of no better way for our members to say "Yes! We care about our fellow veterans." "Mutual Helpfulness."

An AD HOC Committee is developing procedures and your National Headquarters will act as the center for collection and disbursement. If your Post would like to contribute to help your fellow Legionnaires, please send all contributions to:

> American Legion Disaster Relief P. O. Box 6141 Indianapolis, IN 46206

No donation is too small or too large.

National Commander

He's 104 and still going strong...paying tribute to 17 airmen...donating equipment to a VA hospital...providing assistance to abandoned senior citizens.

When World War I began, Solomon Mars was in England but he felt that he should fight for the United States. Getting passage from England to the United States was difficult in those days, but he was able to hitch a ride on a fishing boat to Canada. From St. John, New Brunswick, he caught a steamer into New York City and enlisted in the Army. He was a member of the 1st Division that shipped out in June 1917 and landed at Saint-Nazaire, France.



Mars, now 104 years old and a member of Post 115, Noank, Conn., was presented with a 1990 American Legion membership card recently by Post 115 Cmdr. Raymond Bonomo, Post financial secretary Howard Davis, Post Vice Cmdr. Richard Moravski and Legionnaire Russell Fowler. The group visited Mars at the retirement home where he is living in nearby Mystic.

"After spending the morning listening to Mars' stories, I'm convinced we will return next year to renew the membership of our Post's oldest member," Bonomo said.

Gene Twiford, member of Post 54, Laurel, Neb., and 200 other Laurel residents witnessed the collision of two B-17s on Aug. 5, 1944. To honor the 17 airmen who died in the accident, five area Legion Posts and Department of Nebraska District 3 donated enough money to erect a monument. The contributing Nebraska Posts included: Post 54; Post 131, Allen; Post 31, Wynot; Post 307, South Sioux City; Post 16, Norfolk; and Post 114, Coleridge.

When the memorial was dedicated, about 50 family members of those who died in the accident attended the ceremony. Winston Nelson, who lost a brother in the crash, said, "It is absolutely amazing what this community has done."

welve to 15 veterans per week are now examined with the sigmoido-scope donated by Treasury Post 45 of New York, N.Y., to the Outpatient Clinic of Manhattan Veterans Hospital. The Post conducted a series of fund-raisers to purchase the device, which detects rectal and colon cancer. Attending the presentation of the sigmoidoscope were Past Post Commanders John Murray, Irwin Nissen and Gary Maurer.

"The patients and staff of the clinic are very thankful to The American Legion for their generous donation," said Dr. Richard Ores, director of the clinic.

Fredrick A. Gilman Post 11 of Heredia, Costa Rica, gave two sewing machines, nine Osterizers, 200 shirts and several cartons of soap, detergent and toothbrushes to the Casa Hogar, a home for abandoned senior citizens. After Post 11 Cmdr. Dan McDonald and Post Judge Advocate Jerry Wolf talked with Sister Olga de Jesus, manager of the home, they discovered that Casa Hogar residents also needed medical supplies and coats.

"If we are going to help," said McDonald, "we're going to do it right." Later, first aid kits, other medical supplies and coats were delivered to Casa Hogar by Post 11. Because of the Post's help, Sister Olga said she might expand the number of senior citizens Hogar cares for.

LEGIONNAIRE OF THE MONTH



Larry Dick

IFTY years of sales experience may have helped 75-year-old Larry Dick, a member of Modesto Post 74, Calif., recruit 100 or more Legionnaires each of the past eight years, but his sales pitch is simple.

"I just ask 'em," said Dick, a Post 74 member for 35 years. In 1979, Modesto Post 74 had 302 members, but with Dick's help, membership soared to 1,081 by 1989.

In 1988, his Post selected him as Legionnaire of the Year. For the past three years he had been a member of the Legion's elite Gold Brigade, composed of Legionnaires who recruit 50 or more new members. He also is California Department Recruiter of the Year.

In addition to his award-winning recruiting efforts. Dick has worked extensively with the Livermore Medical Center to establish a health-screening program that provides free medical examinations to honorably discharged veterans.

"Dick's contribution to the VA and our veterans," said Marvin O'Rear, director of the Livermore VA Medical Center, "has gone beyond the normal expectation of a volunteer. The compassion, thoughtfulness, understanding and dedication he has shown is sincerely appreciated."

A WWII Navy veteran, Dick has served in several Post positions, and he is a member of the County Veterans Employment Committee.

OUTFIT REUNIONS

Guidelines — Outfit Reunion notices must be submitted on official forms only To obtain forms, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to C R. Form, Tiet AMERICAL ISCON MAGAZINE, PO. BOX 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206. Notices must be received at least five months before reunions are scheduled and will be published only on a first-come. Inst-served basis. Notices are published only one time per unit per year.

Army

- 9th Inf. Div. (Vietman) (Feb-Richmond, VA) John Eanes, 6246 Neptune Dr., Mechanicsville, VA 23111 (804) 746-5575
- 16th Field Hospital (Apr-Metairie, LA) Harvey Carmouche, 936 Hooter Rd., Bridge City, LA 70094 (504) 436-1609
- 436-1609 18th AAA Grp., HQ & HQ Btry. (WWII) (Apr-Opelika, AL) Rad Dedmon, Box 280, Canutillo, TX 79835 (915) 877-
- 18th F.A., 45th Div. (Apr-Lawton, OK) Ken McConald, HC 30, Box 1775, Lawton, OK 73501 (405) 429-8203 26th Inf., 1st Div., M Co. (Feb-Tampa, FL) Bob DeHaven, 7143 Ashland Dr., Zephyrhills, FL 33540 (813) 788-
- 5606 73rd Engrs. (WWII) (Apr-Phoenix, AZ) Wayne Long, 10227 N. 32nd Ln., #142, Phoenix, AZ 85051 (602)
- 943-8727 86th Chem. Mortar Bn. Assn. (Mar-San Antonio, TX) LTC John B. Deasy, 1830 30th Ave., San Francisco, CA
- 94122 (415) 566-2177 102nd Inf. Div. (Crossing the Roer Party) (Feb-Harrisburg, PA) George Hagerty Jr., 8420 Hegerman
- St., Philadelphia, PA 19136 (215) 333-6112 109th AAA Grp., HQ Btry. (Feb-FL) William Rumbaugh, 744 Portwine Ct., Englewood, FL 34223 (813) 474-
- 1075 204th CA AA, H Btry. (Apr-Natchitoches, LA) Elmer O'Con, Box 142, Natchitoches, LA 71457 (318) 352-
- 2395
 223rd Rgt., 40th Div., A Co. (Feb-Las Vegas, NV)
 Marvin Haux, 48 Crow River Rd., Elk River, MN 55330
- (612) 441-6342 303rd Inf. Rgt., 97th Div., B Co. (May-Saute, GA) J. Sims Rt. 1, Box 1402A, Saute, GA 30571 (404) 878-
- Sims, Ht. 1, Box 1402A, Saute, GA 30571 (404) 878-3849 322nd Signal Bn., B Co. (1950-58) (Jan) William Hothan, 513 Lowell Ave., New Hyde Park, NY 11040
- (516) 775-3438 687th Engr. (W.S.) Co. (1951-58) (Jan-Desert Hot Springs CA) Jim Craig 9045 Clubhouse Rd. Desert
- Springs, CA) Jim Craig, 9045 Clubhouse Rd., Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240 (619) 329-9045 708th Ord., 8th Div. (WWII) (Jan-Kissimmee, FL) Ed
- Reynolds, 14376 Aqua Vista Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32224 (904) 223-4435 7437d Ord., 43rd Div. (1950-53) (Jan-Orlando, FL)
- Michael Soho, 4702 211th, Bayside, L.I., NY 11361 759th MP Bn. (May-Richmond, VA) Robert Smyth, 99 Ocean Ave., Islip, NY 11751 (516) 277-4505
- 849th Ord. Dpt. Co. (WWII) (Feb-Quartzsite, AZ) George Lake, 2404 Kona Ln., Ceres, CA 95307 (209) 537-8298
- 3816th QM Gas Supply Co. (Mar-Pharr, TX) Wes Cook, 522 S. Huisache, Pharr, TX 78577 (512) 781-5766
 Officers of the 1st Div (WWI/WWII/Vietnam) (Apr-
- Washington) Officers of the 1st Div., Box 2331, Springfield, VA 22152 (703) 883-9200

Navy

- 24th NCB (WWII) (Apr-Chattanooga, TN) Kenneth Welch, Rt. 7, Box 392, Fulton, NY 13069 (315) 598-1910
- GRO-PAC 11, Base 3150 (Iwo Jima) (Feb-Stuart, FL) James Carroll, 14 Ford Dr. S., Massapequa, NY 11758 (516) 795-4074
- HATRON 10 (All Periods) (May-Whidbey Isl., WA) Harry Rodriguez, 44 Julie Dr., Hopewell Junction, NY 12533 (212) 931-1299
- Mine Div. 50, USS Weehawken/Keokuk/Salem/Miantonomah/Manadnock/Terror (WWII) (Apr-Corpus Christi, TX) Jake Francis, Rt. 1, Box 1039, Hemphill, TX 75948 (409) 625-3181
- Navy/Marine Aviation Reunion (WWII) (May-Jacksonville, FL) Willie Lowe Jr., Rt. 1, Box 1580, Callahan, FL 320.11 (904) 879-1529
- 32011 (904) 879-1529
 PBM Mariners/P5M Marlins/JRM/P6M Seaplanes

- (April-Crystal City, VA) Marty Gitlin, 488 Arbuckle Ave., Cedarhurst, NY 11516 (212) 269-6434 USS Abnaki ATF 96 (June-Chicago) Joseph Colom-
- bara, 720 E. Country Ln., Collinsville, IL 62234 (618) 344-8869 USS Achernar AKA 53 (May-New Orleans) Carol
- USS Achernar AKA 53 (May-New Orleans) Carol Preston, 1491 Longbrook Dr., Cullman, AL 35055 (205) 734-9394
- USS Alhena AKA 9 (WWII) (Apr-Savannah, GA) Chris Walker Jr., 2612 Dogwood Ave., #B1, Savannah, GA 31404 (912) 352-8702
- USS Castor AKS 1 (Apr-Dallas) Walt Whittemore, 2245 Cascade St., Las Vegas, NV 89122 (702) 453-1290 USS Chicago CA29/136/CG11 (Marines Included)
- USS Chicago CA29/13b/CG11 (Marines included) (May-New Orleans) M.E. Kramery, 41 Homestead Dr., Youngstown, OH 44512 (216) 788-4842 USS Chicopee AO 34 (May-Chicopee, MA) Fred Dutton,
- 50 Littleton St., Springfield, MA01104 (413) 737-8408
 USS Colhoun DD 801 (Apr-San Diego) Helen Linn, 5370
 S. Columbia, Reedley, CA 93654
- USS Farquhar DE 139 (Apr-Bushkill, PA) Tom Miller, 140 Woodlyn Ave., Willow Grove, PA 19090 (215) 659-8255 USS Floyds Bay AVP 40 (Mar-Golden Shores, AZ) Virgil Wright, Box 576, Golden Shores, AZ 86436 (602) 768-9689
- USS Hancock CV/CVA 19 (Marines/Air grps. included) (June-Las Vegas, NV) Charles Boyst, 1801 West Bend Ct., Clemmons, NC 27012 (919) 945-9264 USS J. Franklin Bell APA 16 (Apr-Ft. Lauderdale, FL)
- Claude Jackson, 2311 N.E. 36th St., #1A, Lighthouse Point, FL 33064 (305) 785-6671 USS Lackawanna AO 40 (May-Indianapolis) Newman
- Cryer, 5323 N. Kenyon Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46226 (317) 547-5187 USS LSM 44 (Apr-Charleston, SC) Tony Winkler, 4376
- Ewing Ave. N., Robbinsdale, MN 55422 (612) 533-8966 USS LSMR 409 (Apr-San Diego) Jim Brannon, Box 705,
- Grand Bay, AL 36541 (205) 865-3169
 USS LST 1018 (WWII) (Apr-Cincinnati) Gordon
- Robertson, 3360 Nandale Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45239 (513) 741-7468

 USS LST 585 (Spring) Robert Weber, Rt. 5, Box 497,
- Canastota, NY 13032 (315) 697-9442
 USS PC 462 (Dec-Bradenton, FL) Dominick Daraio,
 4313 81st St. W., Bradenton, FL 34209 (813) 792-7848
 USS Sakatonchee AOG 19 (Apr-Rochester, NY) E.
- Abbondanzier, 212 Knapp Ave., Rochester, NY 14609 (716) 467-8353 USS San Jacinto CVL 30 (Apr-Pasadena, TX) Edward Hahnemann, 1715 Pelham Dr., York, PA 17402 (717)
- 755-5294

 USS Tuluran AG 46 (Mar-San Francisco) George
 Knickerbocker, 13959 Riker Rd., Chelsea, MI 48118
- (313) 475-2646 USS Wesson DE 184 (Apr-San Antonio, TX) James Speckels, 20619 Appalosa Trail, Rt. 2, Box 249,
- Crosby, TX 77532 (713) 324-3389
 USS Wrangell AE 12 (May-Danville, VA) Joe Taylor, 531
- W. Main St., Danville, VA 24541 (804) 797-3515
 VB 2 (1943-44) (Mar-Long Beach, CA) Ralph Yaussi,
 1722 Longhill Dr., Monterey Park, CA 91754 (818) 284-0655
- VJ 12 (May-Burlington, IA) T.K. Ford, 205 Witte Bldg., Box 1111, Burlington, IA 52601 (319) 753-2871
- VP/VPB 213, PBM Sq. (WWII) (Apr-Arlington, VA) Norman Maffit, 14709 Carlos Cr. #70, Rancho Murieta, CA 95683 (916) 354-2219
- VR 1 & VR 7 Nats (Apr-Charleston, SC) John Walsh, 87 County St., Norwalk, CT 06851 (203) 866-4282 VT/VB 305 (1944) (Apr-Arlington, VA) Carl Roberts,
- VT/VB 305 (1944) (Apr-Arlington, VA) Carl Roberts, 1818 E. Missouri Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85016 (602) 265-5214

Army Air Forces

- 12th Ftr. Sq. (WWII-present) (May-Las Vegas, NV) Paul Bechtel, 155 Carrigan Blvd., Merritt Island, FL 32952 (407) 453-4252
- 89th Attack Sq., 3rd Bomb Grp. (WWII) (May-Colorado Springs, CO) Bill Beck, 7355 Buckeye Ct., Colorado Springs, CO 80919 (719) 599-5336
- 305th Airdrome Sq. (Apr-Las Vegas, NV) John Welch, 8E McKendree Dr., Zephyrhills, FL 34249 (813) 973-0758
- 307th Bomb Grp. Assn. (WWII) (May-Las Vegas, NV) Cena Marsh, 1923 Atkin Ave., Salt Lake City, UT 84106 (801) 466-5805
- 922nd Engr. AVN Rgt. (May) Harold Wiener, 1412 Jerrilyn Ct., Carmichael, CA 95608 (916) 487-2233 2465th QM Truck Co. (Apr-Baltimore) Daye Spencer.
- 2809 Wells Rd., Baltimore, MD 21219 (301) 388-0164 Air Weather Assn. (All Personnel/WX Recon.) (May-

- San Antonio, TX) John Collens, 5301 Reservation Rd. Placerville, CA 95667
- Santa Ana Army Air Base Wing (Mar-Costa Mesa, CA) Alvin Anderson, Box 1764, Costa Mesa, CA 92628 (714) 631-5918
- Pilot Class 43-D (Mather Field) (Apr-Tucson, AZ) L.M. Toohey, 5 Bristol Ct., Midland, TX 79705 (915) 697-1203

Air Force

- 307th Air Refueling Sq. (Lincoln/Selfridge) (Apr-Atlanta) Allen Osborn, 2628 Amberly Dr., Atlanta, GA 30360 (404) 458-3821
- 315th Ftr. Sq., 324th Ftr. Grp. (Apr-Orlando, FL) Eugene Orlandi, 311 3rd St., E. Northport, NY 11731 (516) 368-9193 484th Romb Grp. 8th AF/Fng (WWII) (Apr-Tuscon, AZ)
- Leroy Engdahl, 1785 Wexford Dr., Vidor, TX 77662 (409) 769-4872 5040th O.M.S., F-102 Sect. (Elmendorf AFB) (Feb-
- 5040th O.M.S., F-102 Sect. (Elmendorf AFB) (Feb-Dallas) Bob Lockhart, HCR Box 38, Logan, NM 88426 (505) 487-2349
- Class 45-A (Enid AAFB) (Mar-Enid, OK) Frank Therrell, 3303 Shady Cove, Tyler, TX 75707 (214) 566-2616 Narsarssuak Air Base Assn. (May-Reno, NV) Bill Ward,
- Box 1021, Cedar Ridge, CA 95924 (916) 273-7413
 Stalag Luft 1 & III/Ex-POWs (May-Barth, Zagan,
- Mooseburg) Phil Gibbons, 549 N.E. 8th Ave., Deerlield Beach, FL 33441 (305) 427-1023 Stalag Luft III POWs (Apr-Norfolk, VA) Robert Weinberg, 2229 Rockcreek Dr., Kerrville, TX 78028 (512)
- 257-4643 WWII Nightfighters (May-Cincinnati) Al Lukas, Box 6045, Charleston, SC 29405 (804) 884-7940

Marines

- 1st Marine Air Wing (Vietnam) (May-Tysons Corner, VA) Rob Waters, Box 7240, Freeport, NY 11520
- 3rd Bn., 12th Mar., India Btry. (Vietnam) (July-Nashville, TN) Michael Madden, 1253 Burning Tree Ln., Winter Park, FL 32792 (407) 671-5942
- 6th Def. Bn. Assn. (Midway/Attach. Units) (Apr-Orlando, FL) Al Robinson, 6618 N. 46th Ave., Glendale, AZ 85301 (602) 931-1214
- 7th Comm. Bn., Radio Ptn. (1966-67) (Feb-Davenport, IA) Dennis Starling, Rt., Box 101, Lost Nation, IA 52254 (319) 678-2572
- Iwo Jima Marines (Feb-Washington) John Daskalakis, 2343 S. 9th St., Arlington, VA 22204 (201) 920-6458

Coast Guard

USS LST 21 (Mar-Jupiter, FL) Bill Reisenauer, 428 E. Broadway, Owatonna, MN 55060 (507) 451-7793

Miscellaneous

- China-Burma-India Vets Assn. (IA Chapter) (Apr-Clinton, IA) Elizabeth Gussak, 561 6th Ave. S., Clinton, IA 52732 (712) 277-2460
- CT Iwo Jima Assn. (Feb-New Britain, CT) Dr. George Gentile, 100 Bahre Cor. Rd., Canton, CT 06019 (203) 693-2284

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- 1st Bn., 66th CA AAA, HQ Btry. (1941-43) Armondo Galasso, Rt. 2, Box 374, Lehighton, PA 18235 (215) 377-1089
- 1st Mobile Rad. Broadcasting Co., Signal Corps. (1943-45) Thomas Smith, 22590 Brookdale, Farmington, MI 48024
- 2nd Arm'd HQ & HQ Co. C.C.A. (1955-56) Grady Williams, 2600 Kendrick Ave., Charlotte, NC 28213 (704) 597-0863

VETERANS ALERT

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offensives, that question remains to be answered. However, to a certain degree they definitely will cut aid to some of the foreign groups that they were helping before.

Q. As a former KGB officer, you know how the KGB is used as an instrument of repression against the Soviet people and for subversion of foreigners. Do you see any change in those roles?

No, but the main function of the A. KGB is not just in espionage and domestic counterintelligence. Its ultimate goal is to save the system and its leadership. Without support of the KGB, Gorbachev probably would not have been able to come to power, or be able to maintain his power. The KGB actively supports Gorbachev's undertakings. For example, the Soviet uniformed police is totally corrupt; you can't trust them in any serious undertakings such as Gorbachev's anti-corruption crusade. The KGB not only is in charge of the crusade and other major programs, but also keeps tabs on Gorbachev's many enemies. The KGB tries to smile more, but its methods and functions are still the same.

Q. Externally as well?

Yes, in terms of massive spying A. and theft of Western technology. In fact, externally there are indications that Soviet intelligence is working at peak performance now. Many people in the West are relaxed with the reforms Gorbachev is pursuing. Americans are optimistic, kindhearted and, unfortunately, rather naive politically, and the number of people who think that it is time to start trusting Soviet leadership is growing. These Americans are vulnerable to recruitment. The Soviet KGB external intelligence is an extremely professional organization that never passes up the opportunity to recruit new agents to obtain high-technology infor-

Q. Do the Soviets consider Americans so naive that we cannot compete with the KGB or control their activities?

No, it is difficult to work against the United States. Unfortunately, a large percentage of Americans, including some people involved in political activities, in business circles, in public organizations, are considered naive enough to be used in a variety of ways for the benefit of Soviet external policy.

Q. Do they consider the CIA effective?

A. They do take them seriously. The FBI is also capable of disrupting a variety of Soviet operations in this country. However, there is no way for the FBI to stop Soviet espionage.

Q. We've seen a number of prominent Soviet dissidents released from the gulag. How many political prisoners still are behind bars in the Soviet Union and what is their fate?

That's a difficult question to A. answer. For years, many humanrights organizations have tried to get people out of prison camps and mental institutions. Only Soviet officials know how many people were arrested, either for political reasons, religious beliefs or under fake criminal charges. Although most of the prominent people were arrested by the central KGB in Moscow or Kiev, there also were an unknown number of arrests by the KGB's local offices in every province and region. The Soviet Union is still very much controlled by KGB and military forces, so we are not talking about a democratic country at all.

Q. And the clock can be turned back any day on the modest reforms that have been made?

A. It's a possibility, but Soviet leadership cannot revert to Stalinism any more. That's where we have to be fair to Gorbachev. He went far enough and made irreversible changes that make retreat to Stalinism impossible. However, if he loses his job to a person like Yegor Ligachev, his political archrival in Moscow, the Soviet Union once more will return to a much more conservative policy.

Q. Do you think the Soviet people themselves could pose a serious threat to their communist form of government?

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1. How could someone like you or

other dissidents grow up in a closed system and still manage to see the difference between freedom and the fraud of communism?

A. Unlike 99.9 percent of other Soviet people, I was exposed to real information about what was going on in the world. I had to work in the International Department of the Central Committee and that helped me open my eyes. Also, most of my first wife's relatives were victims of the gulag, and the stories I hear about their experiences would make your hair stand on end.

Looking at the unrest in the Baltic States and East Europe, and among the Moslem minorities, can the Soviet empire really hold the lid on civil demonstrations by its discontented satellite nations?

At this point they can, but how far this unrest can go, no one, including Gorbachev, knows. If unrest in the Ukraine continues, the results could have far-reaching effects on the Soviet empire. I would not be surprised if Gorbachev tries to reach a compromise with the Ukrainians. He could offer them a better agricultural deal, and what is more important, give them economic autonomy. But, of course, he will never agree to give them a right to veto central laws.

There are many scenarios of possible events in the Soviet Union in the near future. But one of them is very frightening. For more than 70 years, the Soviet people have been bottling up a lot of anger and frustration over their total lack of freedom. Anything can get out of control and turn areas of the Soviet Union into a rage of organized mobs who attack food stores, department stores, local party offices and whatever. Then Gorbachev will have to give an order for the military to shoot.

Q. This gets to *perestroika:* Can this gamble to restructure the collapsing communist economy ever succeed?

A. No, communism in the Leninist tradition is dead. Gorbachev does not want, or cannot afford, to admit its demise. Yet the only way for him to clean up the economic mess is to adopt the free-market system, and it doesn't look like he's going to make it.

Q. Do you perceive any changes under Gorbachev in Soviet anti-American and anti-freedom propaganda?

A. There are many changes but the strategy is the same. The United States is still considered to be the main enemy of the Soviet Union. Soviet lead-

ers, however, are becoming much more clever. They are no longer using the obvious propaganda rhetoric that few people believed anyway. Now Soviet propaganda against the United States has become more subtle, sophisticated and effective. For example, they are establishing relations with Western professional people such as doctors, writers, artists and architects.

1. How do you account for Western businesses' willingness to lend money to Moscow and bail out its economy?

Businessmen, regardless of the international situation, will do most anything to make a buck, and that is what is happening.

U. What policy should the United States adopt in its dealing with the Soviets?

I personally think that the policy A. of the previous administration toward the Soviet Union was close to ideal. It was very consistent and it was strong. The Soviets began to retreat. The previous administration made a major breakthrough with the Soviet Union, and it looks as though the current administration is more or less following the same line. There is nothing

wrong in negotiating with the Soviet Union if we are careful and ensure that the outcome is fair to all. Yet it is very easy for the West to adopt self-destructive policies. As for the future, I personally am optimistic because I think that Gorbachev, rather than somebody else in power in the Soviet Union, is a good thing for the West. But I think that Gorbachev won't make it politically, and probably within a couple of years will either lose his job or be forced to discontinue his liberal policies. Then, I think there is a strong possibility that a more conservative leader will replace him and dictate Soviet foreign policy for the next 10 to 15 years.

U. In the meantime, is there any substitute for keeping a strong military and defense posture in our dealings with the Soviet Union?

No. no. no. There is no substitute at all. I don't mean we need to have a dramatic increase in all kinds of weapon systems in this country. But America definitely has to pursue a policy that will keep this country more effective militarily than the Soviet Union. That is the only way to talk to the Soviets. That is what they understand.

CHRISTMAS

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tive measures, including trimming the foliage or warning the student of the danger, thus creating a foreseeable risk of injury from criminal conduct."

• Isaacs v. Huntington Memorial Hospital. A doctor was shot one evening in the hospital's parking lot. Because the gunman was never apprehended, the doctor sued the hospital.

The California Supreme Court held that the hospital's alleged failure to provide adequate lighting and other security measures in a high-crime area would allow a jury to find the hospital liable for the assault.

• O'Brien v. Muskin Corp. A trespasser was severely injured when he dived into 3½ feet of water in an aboveground swimming pool located on private property. He was injured when his hands hit the vinyl-lined pool bottom and slid apart, and he struck his head. He sued the pool manufacturer on the grounds that it was liable for having failed to warn him of the risks of diving into the pool, and that the pool was defectively designed because it was vinyl-lined.

Evidence introduced in the trial showed that the pool bore a "Do not dive" warning on its outer wall. However, the defective-design claim was not allowed to be presented to the jury, because even the injured man's attorney admitted he knew of no material other than vinyl that could be safely used in above-ground pools.

The New Jersey Supreme Court reversed the trial court's decision on the defective-design claim. It held that even though the plaintiff could not prove that the pool could be designed more safely, he still could prevail if he could persuade a jury that the "risk posed by the pool outweighed its utility." One factor that the court suggested be considered in the "risk-utility analysis" was "the feasibility, on the part of the manufacturer, of spreading the loss by setting the price of the product or carrying liability insurance."

• Soler v. Castmaster. A man was seriously injured while operating a diecasting machine. His employer had altered the machine by adding a trip wire that, when hit by a falling casting, automatically triggered the start of the next cycle. The employer also added a safety gate, which shut off all power to the machine when it was open.

The employee was injured when he tried to dislodge a finished casting that had failed to drop from a mold. With his arm somehow under the safety gate, the man dislodged the casting, causing it to fall onto the trip wire. The machine suddenly started, and the two parts of the mold closed on his hand.

Although the accident would not have occurred had the employer not modified the machine by adding a trip wire, the New Jersey Supreme Court concluded that the manufacturer could be held liable because the machine, as originally designed, had no safety gate. Moreover, the court concluded, a jury could find that the manufacturer could have foreseen that the employer would alter or misuse the machine.

There is a common thread in these five cases. In each case, there was a real wrongdoer. And in each case, the courts found that someone other than the real wrongdoer could be held liable for the damages caused.

The no-fault concept of tort law and its costs are clear. Important goods and services-including obstetrics, day care, life-saving vaccines and hazardous-waste cleanup - become excessively costly or unavailable. The economic effect of risk-spreading is regressive. High-income plaintiffs get the highest damage awards, and costs are passed to all purchasers of a product or service. Moreover, the costs of litigation are enormous. Rand Corp. has calculated that much more than half the money involved is paid to lawyers; less than half reaches plaintiffs in the form of compensation.

Legislation is needed to rein some of the excessive liability awards that our civil-justice system now imposes. In 1986 alone, more than 35 states adopted some kind of tort-reform law. Although many of those measures were watered down, the progress in such a short time has been remarkable. More is in store for the coming years.

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that people join groups is to exchange information," Kahle said. "For example, my brother-in-law has a 1968 Cougar, and he belongs to a Cougar car club. These are people with whom he can swap parts and share information about the car. This leads to the second reason, which is social support. It's often easier and more fun to pursue an activity when you're with others who share that interest."

While there may be some people who enjoy the hermit's life, Kahle noted, "We all want to be liked and have friends." And one most often finds friends among those with like interests. "Moreover, forming a group gives you an excuse for all this," he added. "Maybe you'll never be an Olympic athlete, but you can start or get on an 'Olympic' wine-tasting team."

Groups are also formed to interact with the rest of society, to propagate the collective good of the membership, or to convince others to either tolerate their activities and views or believe the same way. That means lobbying, from the city councils to Capitol Hill, the White House and regulatory agencies. It's no accident that a large number of associations have headquarters or major offices in Washington, D.C.

"What immedately comes to mind is a group such as the National Rifle Association," said Kahle. The NRA has gun-safety and other educational programs, but primarily it is a lobbying organization. "Even when such groups don't directly lobby Congress, they are trying to influence public opinion by writing letters to the editor, speaking before other groups and so on," said Kahle.

Some associations wield tremendous influence because of the attorney's role in society. Other groups are smaller, such as the American Association of Hispanic CPAs, but to its 400 members, the AAHCPA's mission of promoting professional standards is just as important to them as the ABA is to lawyers.

One can find nearly every national association listed in a remarkable book called the *Encyclopedia of Associations*. Published by Gale Research Inc. of Detroit, it is the only comprehensive source of information on national organizations. First issued in 1956, its 33rd edition lists addresses and phone numbers for everything from the

Society of American Fight Directors, who train actors and choreograph fight scenes for stage and screen, to the American Armwrestling Association.

The reference text is a wonderful tool for journalists, business people and anyone interested in finding fellow primrose lovers. Write to Irene Buckles of the American Primrose Society at 13732 45th Ave. South, Seattle, Wash. 98168. A complete set of the multiplevolume *Encyclopedia* costs more than \$700, but it's often in public libraries.

Because groups come and go, the Encyclopedia is now published annually. In recent years, the list of defunct organizations has included Mistresses Anonymous and the American Squid Marketing Association. New listings, suggests one of its editors, Annette Novallo, offer interesting insights into American trends.

She said an increasingly prominent topic is AIDS. "Our first reference to AIDS came in 1982, and initially most of these organizations were trying to get the government to fund more research. We just listed about 15 AIDS groups in our supplement, and you can see the focus moving toward disseminating new information and support-type groups."

To how many associations does the average American belong? Probably more than the average American thinks. For example, if a person subscribes to a certain venerable magazine, he is automatically a member of the National Geographic Society. Get your car insurance from AAA? You're a member of the American Automobile Association.

Other groups act on your behalf, however *de facto* your involvement. If you think whales ought to be saved, take comfort in the fact that there are a lot of organizations who agree with you, even if you're not paying any dues.

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WINNERS

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Several of the instructors are topnotch disabled instructors and members of the U.S. Disabled Ski Team, such as Rick Isom, a veteran who was paralyzed from injuries received in Vietnam. Isom is ranked No. 1 in America and fourth in the world on the mono-ski, which consists of a seat built on a single ski.

Veterans attending the clinic are sponsored by Posts and Auxiliaries of The American Legion, other veterans' organizations, and national and local organizations. The clinic, however, has captured the hearts of the veterans because of the caring, selfless efforts of residents, VA employees and members of veterans' organizations in the Grand Junction area who contribute more than 5,000 volunteer hours at the clinic each year. It is those people who make something special happen.

A receptionist at the Holiday Inn may have come as close as anyone in explaining what happens in Grand Junction during that week in February. As a member of a local veterans' organization was shuttling the veterans to the airport Saturday morning for their flights back home, the receptionist needed to get his attention. She didn't know his name, yet she knew who he was. "Mister Nice Guy," she called out.

Adding "Miss, Ms., or Mrs. Nice Gal" to that, seems to sum it all up.

Veterans interested in attending the 1990 clinic should write to Sandy Trombetta, Winter Sports Clinic Director, 2121 North Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81501, or call 303-242-0731.



"Alfred, I think I'd like a power snack."

The Legion Lunch

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clinic participants is its major program each year. "With a combined Legion and Auxiliary membership of 36 people, you can see we are not a very big Post," said Crosby, "But then Mesa only has a population of 130"

The Post and Auxiliary also sponsor students at Boys and Girls State, and the Auxiliary provides volunteer help in the gift shop at the Grand Junction VA Medical Center.

"Everyone wants to help with the sports clinic," said O'Neill. "We receive donations for the box lunches from Legion auxiliaries all over Colorado. The cookies in the lunches are homemade by Colorado auxiliaries and sent with all their love to these wonderful, courageous veterans."

Helping others seems to be contagious among the people who live in Mesa and the Grand Junction area. Exemplifying that selflessness are people like Elden Crosby, Post 33 adjutant for 14 years; Julia Harris, everyone's grandmother; and Lil O'Neill, whose capacity for caring seems boundless.

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"It's very simple," he responded.
"As a young boy I got a job in a country bank. Not as a banker, of course, but as the sweeper and general cleaner. I went to the bank every morning at six and swept, dusted, and shined everything, including the toilets, and I washed the windows a couple times a week. I knew I could do a so-so job and probably get away with it. But I wanted to make a success of my life. I decided to be the best sweeper and cleaner in the county, in fact, the whole state of New York. If I say so myself, the bank never had things cleaned so well.

"One day the president of the bank said, 'Son, you're pretry good. You have a bright mind, and you're a hard worker and you do your job with excellence. Would you like to learn the banking business?" I told him that I would, and gradually I moved up in that bank, succeeding at every job. Then a big New York bank offered me a job and the country bank president said, 'Take it, boy. You have the basic principle of success—you give your best to every job. Keep going that way, and you'll succeed in the big city."

A simple success principle is to do the best job you can, whatever it may be, better than anyone ever. Work at this job you now have with excellence and you will earn greater jobs—you will succeed at whatever you try.

AGENT ORANGE

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MEMORY LIVES ON

NIOSH, as well as by health departments in New York, California, Canada, Sweden, West Germany and Japan, In all these documents, which have undergone intensive review by outside experts, there is a unanimity that dioxin is a highly toxic chemical to humans. Dioxin is considered a probable human carcinogen, with supporting epidemiological evidence associating exposure with cancer, liver toxicity, chloracne, immune dysfunction, hyperlipidemia, wasting and neurotoxicity.

Much is made of the fact that dioxin does not cause one unique or highly unusual disease - what is sometimes referred to as a "sentinel health effect" by epidemiologists. In fact, very few chemicals are as selective in their toxicity. Asbestos is almost an exception (it causes a very rare type of cancer), but it has confused the issue of causation by providing a convenient excuse for denying causation and compensation.

Recent studies on workers exposed to dioxin have begun to show increased rates of liver cancer, several types of lymphomas, soft-tissue sarcomas and lung cancer. Increased rates of heart disease and death due to cardiovascular failure have been found. Chloracne has been known for almost 40 years to be associated with the contaminants of chlorophenol and chlorobiphenyl production. Neurological problems have been reported in several groups of workers. This is not an endless or nonspecific list. It is not a suspiciously long list. By way of comparison, lead a well established human toxin-is known to cause: neurotoxicity, reproductive toxicity in men and women, fetal death, kidney failure, kidney cancer, immune dysfunction and porphyrinopathy, including hepatotoxicity.

We understand to a limited extent why chemicals such as lead and dioxin have so many manifestations in human toxicity. This complexity does not prevent us from recognizing that they are toxic. It should not present an obstacle to the fair and expeditious compensation of those who accepted the responsibility of military service in the expectation of being fairly dealt with by their country. To restore the basic trust between the veterans and government, it is time to begin paying compensation for diseases and death caused by Agent Orange exposure.

Compound at Can Tho, Then, as communist forces gained control of the country in the 1970s, the signs came tumbling down, and it's doubtful that any exist today.

Nothing, however, can destroy what these places' names stood for. Nothing can mute the message that these men proclaimed with their ultimate sacrifices. Though places such as Camp Frenzell-Jones at Long Binh no longer exist, in a larger sense they will exist forever:

PFC Herb Frenzell, 22, and Spec. 4 Billy Jones, 24, became friends amid Vietnam's tortuous heat, muck and battle. One day in early 1967, Frenzell was cut down by the Viet Cong after deliberately drawing fire upon himself and away from other members of his patrol. Aware of the sacrifice Frenzell had just made, Jones carried his dead friend - with the enemy in hot pursuit - for two hours through swamp and jungle. Eventually, though, Jones also

was hit. As he lay dying, a member of his squad bent over him. "I tried," said Jones, "I did all I could, I can't do any more.

A fitting epitaph, perhaps, for all those who died in Vietnam-and in all our wars.

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